



Citizens' Council for Health Freedom

Health Freedom Minute

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New Medical “Freedom of Conscience” Rule

On May 2nd, the National Day of Prayer, the HHS Office for Civil Rights issued a new “Freedom of Conscience” Rule.

“The rule ensures that, among other things, health care professionals will not feel compelled to leave the practice of medicine because they decline to participate in actions that violate their conscience such as abortion, sterilization, or assisted suicide. It also protects the right of diverse faith-based health care institutions to retain their religious beliefs and identity as part of their mission of serving others.”

The rule implements approximately 25 federal conscience protection provisions currently in law. The Office fully intends to enforce compliance with these protections.

“FACTSHEET: Final Conscience Regulation,” Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, May 2, 2019:

<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/final-conscience-rule-factsheet.pdf>

“Protecting Statutory Conscience Rights in Health Care; Delegations of Authority,” Final Rule, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Office of the Secretary, HHS, published May 2, 2019:

<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/final-conscience-rule.pdf>

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