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## Statement on HHS Conscience Rule Protecting Health Care Entities and Individuals

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"CHA welcomes efforts to implement and enforce existing federal laws providing conscience protections. CHA is currently reviewing the final regulation issued by HHS today. Catholic hospitals and long-term care facilities welcome and serve all persons in need of care. Our mission and our ethical standards in health care are rooted in and inseparable from the Catholic Church's teachings about the dignity of the human person and the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. These are the source of both the work we do and the limits on what we will do. Every individual seeking health care is welcome and will be treated with dignity and respect in our facilities."

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