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### **CHA Welcomes Opportunity to Increase Access to Care for Persons with Disabilities**

Washington, D.C. – Today the Department of Health and Human Services announced a proposed rule that prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability. The rule, *Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance*, updates critical provisions to help persons with disabilities access health and human services under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The Catholic health ministry is strongly committed to supporting legislation and policies that increase access to care for everyone, particularly those who are most vulnerable and in need of care. We welcome the opportunity to review this regulation and work with the Administration to ensure that it increases access to equitable care for persons with disabilities and allows health care providers to better serve this population.

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