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Important Updates for Health Care Practitioners Regarding COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate December 1, 2021

United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana Issues Nationwide Preliminary Injunction Against Biden Vaccine Mandate

The purpose of this alert is to notify health care providers of a new development related to the Biden Administration's Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) rule mandating that health care workers receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Yesterday, U.S. District Judge Terry A. Doughty from the Western District of Louisiana granted a Preliminary Injunction barring the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and CMS from implementing the CMS COVID-19 vaccine mandate set forth in 86 Fed. Reg. 61555-01 (November 5, 2021).

As noted in the court's order, the injunction applies nationwide, including in Florida, and is to remain in effect pending the final resolution of the case, or until further orders are issued by the court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, or the United States Supreme Court. A copy of the ruling and order can be found [HERE](#).

Health care providers are expected to comply with Florida law. Yesterday's ruling ensures that the CMS COVID-19 vaccine mandate will not interfere with state requirements, recently signed into law by Governor DeSantis, that protect employees against employer vaccine mandates.