HHS issued notices of violation of federal conscience statutes to:
- the University of Vermont Medical Center, which had forced a nurse to assist in an elective abortion procedure over the nurse’s conscience-based objections
- the State of California for violating federal law in discriminating against pregnancy resource centers for refusing to post notices referring for abortion

Issued proposals protecting conscience in the FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION SPACE and to protect religious freedom in HHS grants.

Finalized a rule to strengthen enforcement for 25 health-related federal conscience and religious freedom laws, treating them the same as other civil rights laws.

Announced HHS is discontinuing intramural NIH research involving elective abortions and is in the process of convening an ethics advisory board to review proposals for NIH–funded extramural research involving fetal tissue from elective abortions.

Approved Texas’s request to provide Medicaid-funded family planning services to otherwise uninsured women.

$258 MILLION
In Title X family planning grants were prevented from supporting the abortion industry.

HHS BY THE NUMBERS

Protecting Life and Conscience

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Protecting Life and Conscience</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

- Issued proposals protecting conscience in the FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION SPACE and to protect religious freedom in HHS grants.
- Finalized a rule to strengthen enforcement for 25 health-related federal conscience and religious freedom laws, treating them the same as other civil rights laws.
- Announced HHS is discontinuing intramural NIH research involving elective abortions and is in the process of convening an ethics advisory board to review proposals for NIH–funded extramural research involving fetal tissue from elective abortions.
- Approved Texas’s request to provide Medicaid-funded family planning services to otherwise uninsured women.

CHANGES TO ACA

- Finalized a requirement that ACA plan issuers bill and send separate invoices for insurance coverage of non-Hyde abortions.
- Issued a guidance allowing issuers to continue to cover enrollees who decline to pay such abortion premiums, including for reasons of conscience.
- Proposed to require ACA plan issuers offer plans that do not cover non-Hyde abortions.

SECRETARIES AZAR AND POMPEO ISSUED A JOINT LETTER INVITING OTHER NATIONS TO JOIN A NEW COALITION IN DEFENSE OF THE FAMILY AS A FOUNDATIONAL UNIT OF SOCIETY AND IN OPPOSITION TO THE ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH AN INTERNATIONAL RIGHT TO ABORTION.

A TOTAL OF TWENTY-FOUR COUNTRIES SIGNED JOINT STATEMENTS AT THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY, AND/OR NAIROBI SUMMIT REPRESENTING MORE THAN ONE BILLION PEOPLE AFFIRMING THAT THERE IS NO INTERNATIONAL RIGHT TO ABORTION.