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## Provider Alert

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

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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.

Earlier today, U.S. District Judge Terry A. Doughty from the Middle District of Louisiana granted a petition for 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 filing, the injunction was issued nationwide due to the need for uniformity and is to remain in effect pending the final resolution of this 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 subsequent injunction can be found [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

This ruling follows recent actions by Governor DeSantis to protect Floridians from losing their jobs due to COVID-19 vaccine mandates and the State of Florida's pending challenge against the CMS rule currently under consideration in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida.

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