Update on Biden Administration 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 COVID-19 vaccines for health care workers.

Yesterday, the United States Supreme Court approved the Federal Government’s application to stay preliminary injunctions that had been entered against the CMS vaccine mandate. The Agency is reviewing the Supreme Court’s decision.

As communicated earlier this month, the Agency continues to follow Florida law and will not survey for compliance with the CMS vaccine mandate rule. Florida law requires all employers, including health care employers, to provide broad exemptions to a COVID-19 vaccine mandate:

- Medical Exemption from COVID-19 Vaccination
- Religious Exemption from COVID-19 Vaccination
- Exemption from COVID-19 Vaccination Based on COVID-19 Immunity
- Exemption from COVID-19 Vaccination Based on Periodic Testing
- Exemption from COVID-19 Vaccination Based on Employer-Provided Personal Protective Equipment

Employers and employees seeking additional information related to COVID-19 vaccine requirement exemptions and associated exemption forms should visit the Florida Department of Health’s website HERE.

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