



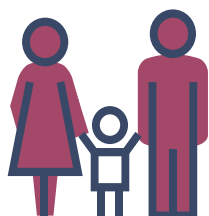
HHS BY THE NUMBERS

# Protecting Conscience and Life

HHS Office for Civil Rights establishes

## THE FIRST

Conscience and Religious Freedom Division, to protect foundational conscience rights



### PROVIDED REGULATORY RELIEF

to American employers, including organizations like the Little Sisters of the Poor, that have religious or moral objections to providing coverage for contraceptives, including those they view as abortifacient, in their health insurance plans

Proposed rules that issuers of **Qualified Health Plans (QHPs)** must bill and send separate invoices for insurance coverage for abortions of pregnancies not threatening the life of the mother or resulting from rape or incest, and must offer at least one QHP in each area that doesn't cover those abortions

The Trump administration does not recognize abortion as a method of family planning and refuses to fund abortion in global health assistance



HHS continues to fight the concept of abortion as a fundamental human right on the international stage

### TITLE X PROPOSED REGULATION:

HHS would no longer permit Title X-funded services at the same location where abortion is provided

HHS awarded funding to 12 organizations that were not current Title X grantees



New CMS guidance allows an individual to claim a **hardship exemption** if all affordable plans on a federal exchange include abortion coverage, contrary to the individual's beliefs

In the process of finalizing rule to strengthen enforcement for 25 health-related federal conscience and religious freedom laws, treating them the same as other civil rights laws

HHS updated its 5-year Strategic Plan highlighting that a core component of HHS's mission is the dedication to protecting the life of all Americans at every stage of life, beginning at conception