

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 497

To eliminate the COVID–19 vaccine mandate on health care providers furnishing items and services under certain Federal health care programs.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 25, 2023

Mr. DUNCAN (for himself, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. POSEY, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Ms. MACE, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. CARL, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mrs. GREENE of Georgia, Mr. LATTA, Ms. VAN DUYN, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. PERRY, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. CRENSHAW, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BIGGS, Mrs. BOEBERT, Mr. MAST, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. NORMAN, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. BURGESS, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. GUEST, Mr. PALMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. FRY, Mr. OGLES, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mrs. LUNA, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, and Mr. FERGUSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Freedom for Health  
5 Care Workers Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATING THE COVID-19 VACCINE MANDATE ON**  
7                    **HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FURNISHING**  
8                    **ITEMS AND SERVICES UNDER CERTAIN FED-**  
9                    **ERAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS.**

10        The Secretary of Health and Human Services may  
11 not implement, enforce, or otherwise give effect to the rule  
12 entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Omnibus  
13 COVID-19 Health Care Staff Vaccination” published by  
14 the Department of Health and Human Services on No-  
15 vember 5, 2021 (86 Fed. Reg. 61555) and may not pro-  
16 mulgate any substantially similar rule.

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