

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 497

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## AN ACT

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

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Freedom for Health  
3 Care Workers Act”.

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

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

Passed the House of Representatives January 31,  
2023.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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