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Statement from Bishop Hurley regarding HHS mandate:

“It was disheartening to learn of the “preventive services” mandate issued Aug. 1 by the U.S. Health and Human Services Department (HHS). It is unclear at this time what the implications will be for our Catholic agencies and health care providers. As a member of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), I join my fellow bishops in encouraging Congress to approve the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act, which would prevent mandates under the new health reform law from undermining rights of conscience so employers and employees alike will have the freedom to choose health plans in accordance with their moral and religious beliefs.”

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