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Health and Human Service Mandate Explained

HHS Mandate: We've all heard about it, but what is it? The Health and Human Services (HHS) Mandate requires all employers to insure contraceptives, sterilization, and abortion-inducing drugs with no co-pay. The law does exempt churches specifically, but **not** religious institutions (i.e. hospitals, soup kitchens, universities, adoption agencies, etc). Unless your religious institution serves only those of the same faith (i.e. Methodists only serving Methodists, Catholics only serving Catholics, and so on), it would be required to pay for these contraceptive "services" even if they go against your religious beliefs. On March 1, an amendment which would not compel an employer to fund any procedure to which it had a "moral objection" was voted down in the U.S. Senate. Of the vote, Dr. Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission said, "Make no mistake, the Senate vote was not about contraception but about the right of people of faith to be able to live out the values of their faith free from government coercion." (<http://erlc.com/>)

Franklin Graham, son of Billy Graham, voiced concern that the new mandate was just the beginning of a larger effort to suppress religious liberties in the name of fighting "discrimination." Graham's charity, Samaritan's Purse, delivers eight million gifts to underprivileged children each year at Christmastime. Despite the fact that it is headed by the son of the world's most famous evangelist, it does not qualify for a religious exemption under the Obama administration's rules. "We're not a church. We're a parachurch organization," he explained. The Obama administration's conscience clause protects only

churches and other houses of worship. Graham joins many of his Protestant brethren in urging defiance of unjust, anti-religious measures.

The nation's Catholic bishops have vowed to close their religious institutions rather than comply with the HHS mandate. As a result, 120,000 beds would disappear from the U.S. health care system.

The closure of Catholic, Southern Baptist, and other religious institutions is but one element among many that critics say would reduce the supply of physicians and medical institutions once the president's health care reform is implemented—reducing supply while tens of millions of newly insured Americans swell demand. Richard Ralston, the executive director of

Americans for Free Choice in Medicine, told LifeSiteNews, "The only way they say we're going to reduce spending is we're going to cut [government] reimbursement to providers and force more providers to provide services at below their cost. You don't need to have a Nobel Prize in economics to know the long-term impact of that is to drive providers out of medicine."

Schools, philanthropies, and orphanages affiliated with a religious denomination would also close down. South Carolina Congressman Trey Gowdy said at a House Oversight Hearing on February 16 that closing religious

hospitals and schools "means government [will] get bigger, because they're going to have to fill the void...and maybe that's what they wanted all along."

The White House has reiterated that it will not revisit its plan to force religious employers to cover abortifacient drugs, birth control and sterilizations.

Lately, there have been reports about an abortion surcharge contained within President Obama's

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signature healthcare law. Here's how the provision essentially works: An individual enrolled in an insurance plan that covers abortions through an employer, by choice or even unknowingly, **must pay an added abortion surcharge of one dollar per month.** With no choice of opting out of the plan, paying for this abortion coverage is imposed whether an individual wants it or not. This amounts to you and I being forced to take twelve dollars a year to the local Planned Parenthood or other abortion mill, place the money in the blood-stained hands of the abortionist and say, "This is to help fund the killing of innocent unborn babies." Obamacare even contains a clause that prevents insurance plans from letting people know about the required abortion surcharge. Take a look at the text of the law for yourself. Beware: it is 974 pages.

(<http://housedocs.house.gov/energycommerce/ppacacon.pdf>)

I now understand why a Catholic Bishop in Illinois said, "Hitler and Stalin, at their better moments, would just barely tolerate some churches remaining open, but would not tolerate any competition with the state in education, social services, and health care... In clear violation of our First Amendment rights, Barack Obama—with his radical, pro abortion and extreme secularist agenda, now seems intent on following a similar path." ([LifeSiteNews.com](http://www.lifesitenews.com))

The Hidden Costs of Reproductive Technology

Studies Show True Risks of In Vitro Fertilization

ROME, JULY 6, 2012 (Zenit.org).- The number of babies born as a result of assisted reproduction technologies (ART) has reached an estimated total of 5 million, according to information presented at the 28th annual meeting of the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE), which opened on July 1, in Istanbul, Turkey.

According to the July 2 press release from ESHRE the estimate comes from ICMART (International Committee for Monitoring Assisted Reproductive Technologies) and was based on the number of In Vitro Fertilizations (IVF) and Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI) treatment cycles recorded worldwide

up to 2008 with projections added for the following three years.

Dr. David Adamson, of Fertility Physicians of Northern California, USA, and Chairman of ICMART, said around 1.5 million ART cycles are now performed globally each year, producing around 350,000 babies.

The news came shortly after the death of Lesley Brown, 64, who lived in Bristol, England, who made history in July 1978 when her daughter Louise was the first child to be born as the result of IVF treatment.

Lesley Brown had two daughters, Louise and Natalie, both born following IVF treatment, the BBC reported June 20.

In reaction to the latest news on IVF babies, Anthony Ozimic, communications director for the English Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, said that "What is largely overlooked is that many millions more embryonic children have been killed following IVF, a quality-controlled process which is also intrinsically abusive of human beings.

"If the countless millions of pounds given to IVF had been given to the much-more successful ethical alternatives, many more children would have been born," he added.

Health risks

In a July 3 press release Ireland's Iona Institute

pointed out that a recent Australian study has revealed serious health risks for those using IVF.

An Australian study, published in the journal, Fertility and Sterility found that women who went through the IVF procedure around their 24th birthday were found to have a 56% greater chance of developing breast cancer than those in the same age group who went through treatments without IVF.

The findings were based on data from 21,025 women between the ages of 20 and 40 who went through fertility treatment at the hospitals of Western Australia between 1983 and 2002.

These are only the latest of many studies that have revealed dangers involved with ART. "Assisted conception carries a slightly increased risk of adverse

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maternal and perinatal outcomes,” said a press release published early June by England’s Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (RCOG).

The statement noted that in developed countries, up to 4% of all children are born after ART.

The use of ART is often associated with multiple babies, but the RCOG warned “even singleton pregnancies carry a heightened risk of hypertensive disease, diabetes, prematurity, low birth weight and a higher perinatal mortality even after taking into account age, parity or fetal sex.”

“In addition, recent studies have shown a link between children born from ART and increased congenital malformation rates,” the press release added.

Quality of life

“Problems with fertility can have a major impact on the quality of life and health of affected couples,” said Professor Sir Sabaratnam Arulkumaran, of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, at St. George’s Hospital Medical School.

Shortly before another Australian study found that there is a higher risk for babies born as a result of intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI) - where a sperm is injected into the ova.

According to a report in England’s Independent newspaper on May 8 the study, on more than 300,000 babies found that there was a higher risk of abnormalities using the ICSI procedure compared to those conceived naturally.

The research, by the Robson Institute at the University of Adelaide and published in The New England Journal of Medicine, found the risk of a birth defect was 5.8% following natural conception, compared with 7.2% following conventional IVF, and 9.9% after ICSI.

According to the report in the Independent around half of all fertility treatments in the UK use the ICSI method.

Concerns have also been expressed at the methods used by some IVF clinics to produce large numbers of ova. Drugs are used to produce “super-ovulation,” either in donor women or those who are using their own ova.

There are fears that clinics are exploiting women to achieve the maximum return on the payments they make to them, the Sunday Times reported last October 23. The article reported that, according to the latest figures from the Human Fertilization and Embryology Authority, 85 ova were taken from one woman and 80 from another. Three more women had between 70 and 72 eggs removed. In 2008, five clinics harvested 50 or more eggs from women in a single session.

“Research aimed at reducing human sterility is to be encouraged,” says number 2375 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, but number 2378 adds, “A child is not something owed to one, but is a gift.”

“A child may not be considered a piece of property,” the Catechism warns, something increasingly being ignored, at great cost.

<http://www.zenit.org/article-35149?l=english>

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Our Great Loss and Gain:

Andrew Moore

by Martha Joanes

As many of you must have heard by now, Anne-Martine and Joseph Moore's son went to his eternal rest recently. Andrew wanted to spend his summer 'Walking for Life' across America. At about 5am he and a friend were walking and praying. He was hit by a car and died on the spot. As many of you know, this 20 year old was incredible, brilliant, and most of all holy. I only met him a few times but he definitely impressed me each time. He always spoke with a gentleness and wisdom far beyond his age. He had a passion for the preborn and had dedicated his young life to pray for and promote this most worthy cause. Everyone, young and old, who knew him loved and respected him. This tragedy is a great loss not only for his immediate family but his parish, the Catholic community, indeed I would say, the world which needs men of character so desperately.

On the other hand, we are as sure as we can be, of where Andrew is...with the Lord, PTL! As I told his parents, we now have a saint that will continue to intercede for all that is good, pure, holy, and just. Anne-Martine is in the Scripture Study class at Queen of All Saints Parish, Concord, and is a total boon to all of us. Joseph is an excellent co-leader of a Catholic Reading Seminar at St Francis of Assisi Parish in Concord. They are two of the most brilliant people I know, and so humble too. I can see where Andrew got his gifts. In my opinion, they are also model parents to their five children and are doing what they were created to do: raise their children to be saints.

Please keep the Moore family in your prayers. Our Precious Lord is the only one who can comfort at this time.

Calendar of Events

Visit www.calendarforlife.org for the most up to date information on activities and events in your area.

2012 Global Walk for India's Missing Girls

11AM, Saturday, 15th September, San Francisco

http://www.petalsinthedust.com/The_Walk2.html

40 Days for Life Campaign

September 26-November 4, nationwide

<http://www.40daysforlife.com/>

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