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General Comment

I oppose expanding provisions for refusing medical care to patients based on a health care provider's personal views.

All health care providers, from physician to PA, nurse to pharmacist, should be bound by their respective code of professional ethics in their field. The expression of religious views or "conscience" objections to patient care is inappropriate and potentially dangerous to the patient. Health care providers that need exemption from the ordinary ethical constraints of their profession should excuse themselves from that field of work.