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## Update on Conscience Protections

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The Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs at the Department of Health & Human Services has a post up at the agency's website, renewing the call for comments on the conscience protections regarding the mandated care provisions of the Affordable Care Act. It is hard to imagine why anyone at HHS would call attention to the comment period unless they were planning on strengthening the conscience protection language.

How narrow is the language in the original proposal? In a devilishly clever post at the USCCB website, Sr. Mary Ann Walsh points out that Jesus Himself would not have qualified for conscience protections under the proposed language.

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