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The transactions of religious and secular hospitals pose a serious threat to the ability of patients to seek the care they need and deserve. At Legal Voice, we are committed to protecting the rights of all patients to receive information about — and have access to — a broad range of reproductive health services, including contraception, vasectomies and tubal ligations, miscarriage management and treatment, and abortion. We believe that the rights and needs of LGBTQ individuals and families should be respected and honored by all health care providers. We believe that all patients have the right to direct their end of life care with autonomy and dignity. This rule making process must protect these rights and ensure that all patients, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, age, marital status, race, or religious conviction have continued access to comprehensive care that is provided in accordance with best medical practice and the best interest of the patient. Additionally, the rules adopted through this process must be created in order to ensure transparency in order to protect the rights of patients to seek the care they require

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