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## **California District Court Vacates Trump's "Denial of Care" Rule**

SEATTLE, WA—A California federal judge became the third judge in the United States to strike down the Trump Administration's Denial of Care rule in its entirety. The U.S District judge also upheld the third party standing of reproductive rights physicians to bring cases on behalf of their patients and applied that doctrine to cover physician's bringing claims on behalf of LGBTQ patients.

Julie Burkhart, founder and CEO of Trust Women stated, "This rule would have effected patients seeking preventative care like contraception, LGBTQ care, or abortion care. It would have allowed health care workers and contractors to discriminate against patients and/or services due to their own moral and religious beliefs."

Earlier this month, federal judges in New York and Washington also vacated the entire rule in separate cases. "I am thankful that the court acknowledged the discrimination that patients could potentially face with this rule especially in medical crises. This policy change was so loosely outlined by the Trump Administration that it would have allowed for contract workers, vendors and even insurance plans to override a patients decisions," concluded Burkhart.

In his ruling, Judge Alsup, wrote, "When a rule is so saturated with error, as here, there is no point in trying to sever the problematic provisions. The whole rule must go."

Trust Women as a health care provider and as an advocate of reproductive health care was proud to have worked with other reproductive health advocates, health care providers, physicians and LGBTQ health advocates to combat this outrageous rule from the Trump Administration.

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