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1 At the end of subtitle B of title II, add the following:

2 SEC. 2304. NONDISCRIMINATION ON ABORTION AND RESPECT FOR RIGHTS OF CONSCIENCE.

3 (a) NONDISCRIMINATION.—A Federal agency or program, and any State or local government, or health care entity that receives Federal financial assistance under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (or an amendment made by such Act), shall not—
(1) subject any individual or institutional health care entity to discrimination; or

(2) require any health care entity that is established or regulated under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (or an amendment made by such Act) to subject any individual or institutional health care entity to discrimination,

on the basis that the health care entity does not provide, pay for, provide coverage of, or refer for abortions.

(b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “health care entity” includes an individual physician or other health care professional, a hospital, a provider-sponsored organization, a health maintenance organization, a health insurance plan, a plan sponsor, a health insurance issuer, a qualified health plan or issuer offering such a plan, or any other kind of health care facility, organization, or plan.

(c) ADMINISTRATION.—The Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Health and Human Services is designated to receive complaints of discrimination based on this section, and coordinate the investigation of such complaints.