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## General Comment

No religious exemption should be granted for pharmacists or any other health care professional with respect to the provision of women's health care and reproductive services to include contraception and contraceptive counseling. Allowing such would constitute an unwarranted restriction on women's access to contraception as the result of an inappropriate insertion of religion into this necessary health care service. Any health care professional (including pharmacists) or health care institution that refuses to provide legally allowed health care should be punished under the law for the harm they are doing.