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## **Secretary Marstiller Statement on Florida's Challenge Against the Biden Administration's Vaccine Mandate**

**TALLAHASSEE, FL** – Today, Agency for Health Care Administration Secretary Simone Marstiller issued the following statement in support [of Florida's challenge against the Biden Administration's Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services \(CMS\) rule](#) mandating that health care workers receive the COVID-19 vaccine:

“The recent CMS rule issued by Biden Administration will not only damage our stretched health care industry but impact our most vulnerable and their ability to receive the health care they need,” said Secretary Simone Marstiller. “Tying Medicare and Medicaid funding to a vaccination mandate – funding that pays for medical care for elderly, disabled, and low-income individuals – is a blatant overreach of power that must be challenged. Thanks to the leadership of Governor DeSantis and Attorney General Moody, Florida is doing just that, to protect Florida jobs, ensure access to care, and empower individuals in making personal health care decisions for themselves and their families.”

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