



## Submit your comments by March 27th

**Comments on HHS religious refusal rule are due on March 27th!** The deadline is coming quickly and we need as many comments as possible, both from individuals and organizations. Here are a few tools you can use as we near next week's deadline. [Our letter](#) and several other organizational templates are attached. Below are some additional resources.

### For organizations

- **Submit a comment on behalf of your organization [here](#)** using a comment template ([template 1](#), [template 2](#), [template 3](#)) developed by HRC, NCTE, ACLU, Lambda Legal, CAP, and AU. **Please personalize the comment for your own organization** - this is critical to making sure each of our comments count separately ([it's all about volume - the more comments, the better](#)).
- Share [graphics](#) to get individuals in your network to submit their own stories and comments
- Share these great videos from NCTE to encourage comments
  - Video 1 - [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)
  - Video 2 - [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

### For individuals

- Share NCTE's [comment tool](#) or the [Task Force's comment tool](#) in email and on social media
- Use [CenterLink's Toolkit](#) (includes talking points, social media, a way to submit comments, and more)

### Do

1. Do say that the proposed rule will encourage healthcare providers to discriminate against LGBTQ people and women.
2. Do you share your own personal story of healthcare discrimination or inappropriate treatment.
3. Do encourage your friends and family to comment on the proposed rule.
4. Do be sure to submit your comment by March 27
5. Use the resources in this newsletter, or reach out to [awallner@health-access.org](mailto:awallner@health-access.org) if you have any questions.

### Don't

1. Don't say the proposed rule will allow healthcare providers to discriminate against LGBTQ people - we will be consistently arguing that they do not have that right in the coming years.

### In This Issue

Network Call

[#Out4MentalHealth](#)

Upcoming Events

2. Don't say the proposed rule will allow healthcare providers to deny necessary reproductive health care.
3. Don't worry about submitting the perfect comment - the pure volume of comments is important in this case.

**Thursday  
April 5th, 2018  
10:00 am - 11:00 am**

**Call in Number: 866-906-7447  
Conference Code: 4914724#  
Web Conference [Link](#)**

The Network Listserv is available for member use to share information about upcoming LGBTQ events, campaigns, sign-on letters, share resources, and find partners for collaboration. [You can post directly by emailing the listserv.](#)

Please contact [Mandy Taylor](#) to be added to the listserv if you are unsure how to do it.

[Project Fact Sheet](#)

[Liaisons Wanted](#)

[Write a Blog Entry](#)

[LGBTQ Training](#)



We are having Town Halls and Round Tables across California. Please have your voice be heard! This is an opportunity for members of LGBTQ communities to share their unique experiences and offer insight into the needs of LGBTQ people and family members in your region. Light dinner provided - **Please RSVP to ensure the correct amount of food.**

## Upcoming LGBTQ Events

- March 29 - #Out4MentalHealth [Town Hall - Santa Rosa](#)
- April 6 - [Fair Share for Equality](#) - Los Angeles
- April 9 - #Out4MentalHealth [Older Adults Round Table](#) - Los Angeles
- April 10 - CRDP: [Advancing Mental Health Equity](#) - Los Angeles
- April 13 - #Out4MentalHealth [Bisexual Round Table](#) - Santa Ana
- April 23 - #Out4MentalHealth [Town Hall - Fresno](#)
- April 24 - #Out4MentalHealth [Town Hall - Bakersfield](#)
- May 3 - #Out4MentalHealth [Town Hall - Chico](#)
- Oct 19-20 - [Improving OUTcomes Conference](#) - Sacramento

\*Please send information regarding Pride in your region to [mtaylor@health-access.org](mailto:mtaylor@health-access.org)

## BIG LIFE CHANGES?

Healthcare.gov makes it easy to sign-up for a special enrollment period within 60 days of any of the following...



Visit [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov) today to learn more.

## LGBTQ Health Awareness Week begins March 26th

This year's theme is "[OUTfront for LGBT Health.](#)" This is a great time to push folks to file comments with HHS (see above) and spread the word about special enrollment periods. Out2Enroll resources on special enrollment and health insurance literacy resources are here and we're reattaching their [social media guide](#). Here are a few additional ways to engage during the week:

Hashtags: [#OUTfront](#) [#OUTvisible](#)



#LGBTHAW18

- [Social media toolkit](#) from the National Coalition for LGBT Health
- Join a National Coalition [webinar](#) on Mar. 27th at 2pm ET

## Honoring Women's History Month



***Thank you to all of the LGBTQ women who make California great!***

<http://www.california-lgbthealth.org/>

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