

As a Cermak Health service employee of 29 years in Mental Health, I am grieved at the cruel treatment which I am encountering because of my God given right of freedom of religion. I am concerned about the travesty of true democracy for every American citizen. This country was founded upon religious freedom and the pursuit of God given rights of justice.

I feel like I am being punished and vilified for requesting a religious exemption. I am being demanded to defy and disobey my spiritual conscience of obedience to God or my livelihood will be in jeopardy. I absolutely love my job at Cermak.

I am very sensitive concerning the gravity and seriousness of the pandemic situation. I have worked during the entire pandemic. I have done extensive research and received information from accredited physicians, immunologist and my religious leader. After much prayer and meditation I was convicted by the Holy Spirit to not take this vaccine. Since the pandemic I have submitted to multiple COVID tests at Cermak, Walgreens and CVS and have always used proper PPE. I was just wondering why religious exemptions were denied.

I have been a faithful employee for 29 years. I have been on an unpaid leave for almost 6 months and I am in jeopardy of my pension and benefits.

Per the policy when considering the exemption request CCH will consider the duration of the request the nature of potential harm posed by the request. Employee health services will work in conjunction with HR to evaluate the work environment available ventilation frequency and duration of direct contact with employees the number of fully vaccinated in the work location etc.

I am very disturbed and disheartening about the inconsiderate treatment and disregard for my faithful service at Cermak Health services for 29 years and also working through the pandemic. I am asking for help and an appeal and reconsideration for my religious exemption Thank you for your time.

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