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Justice Alito Stays 3rd Circuit's Non-Profit Contraceptive Mandate Decision

Late on Wednesday, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito issued an order ([full text](#)) temporarily staying the Third Circuit's mandate in *Zubik v. Buwell*. In the case, the 3rd Circuit upheld the Obama Administration's rules accommodating the Affordable Care Act contraceptive coverage mandate to religious non-profits. ([See prior posting.](#)) Religious non-profits contend that the accommodation is inadequate. A response by the government is due to Justice Alito by April 20. The 3rd Circuit opinion covered four separate lawsuits involving a variety of claimants, both for-profit and non-profit. Justice Alito's order applies only to two of the cases that involve the Catholic Diocese of Erie and the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh along with affiliated charities and schools in the two dioceses. [National Law Journal](#) reports on the decision.

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