

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
FORT WORTH DIVISION**

RICHARD W. DEOTTE et al.,

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Plaintiffs,

v.

Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00825-O

ALEX M. AZAR II et al.,

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Defendants.

ORDER

Before the Court is the Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction, (ECF No. 21), filed February 5, 2019. Also before the Court, and filed on the same date, is Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification. *See* ECF No. 20. The Motion for Preliminary Injunction seeks "a classwide preliminary injunction against the enforcement of the 'Contraceptive Mandate.'" Mot. Prelim. Inj. 1, ECF No. 21. But no class has yet been certified and Defendants have "reserve[d] the right to object to [the class-certification] motion pending their review of the papers." Mot. Class Certification 3, ECF No. 20. Plus, the scope of any injunction would inevitably turn on whether and what kind of class is certified.

The Court therefore **DIRECTS** the Parties to confer on whether class certification will be opposed and, if so, to propose briefing schedules for the motion to certify, (ECF No. 20), and the motion for an injunction, (ECF No. 21), to address how the class issue will be resolved in connection with the request for a classwide injunction. Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the Parties file a status report and proposed briefing schedules, if necessary, **on or before February 14, 2019.**

SO ORDERED on this **7th day of February, 2019.**



Reed O'Connor
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE