

To: [E-OHPSCA2713.EBSA](#)
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Dear Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health & Human Services,

Thank you and your colleagues at the Department of Health & Human Services for your landmark decision requiring health insurers to cover the full cost of contraception, with no co-pay, beginning in August 2012.

When I was prescribed birth control pills for heavy menstrual bleeding some years ago, the only reason my health care provider covered the cost was that the pills were prescribed for a reason OTHER than contraception! The hypocrisy still stuns me.

Birth control is a critical part of women's preventive care, as other industrialized nations have long realized. Free contraception means many fewer unplanned pregnancies, as well as the risks associated with them.

Thank you for making women's basic health care needs a right and a priority.

Sincerely,

A. Ellis