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General Comment

I strongly support the new policy requiring health-insurance plans to cover birth control without a co-pay, CMS-9992-IFC2.

Improving women's access to birth control is positive in so many ways. A woman who can plan when to have a family is able to participate in society more fully. Fewer unintended pregnancies can reduce the need for abortion. Thank you for this important improvement to women's health care. Thank you for following science-based recommendations and making women's health a priority.

I also want you to know that I am concerned that certain religious employers may be allowed to opt out of the requirements. Just because a woman may work for a religious organization, it doesn't mean that she follows all their religious beliefs. All women should have access to contraceptive coverage, regardless of where they work.