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General Comment

I am writing to express grave concern about the interim final rule on preventive services (76 Fed. Reg. 46621) issued on August 3, 2011, that would require health plans to cover prescription contraceptives, sterilization, and related patient education and counseling.

The narrow and incomplete definition of religious employer in these regulations excludes religious organizations and would force them to participate in something that violates our beliefs, compromises our religious mission and interferes with our constitutional rights of conscience.

This is Very Serious and not acceptable to tens or millions of Americans. I am a small business owner and don't have time to constantly warn everyone I know about these very serious concerns. The responses you receive are just a small drop in the bucket of the Millions of Americans that aren't aware of these particular actions and policies. So many people who would be outraged about this will not even be aware of your recent actions. Americans are trying to just live there lives and produce but this is to important to not address.

I do not support a federal government mandate that ignores the rights of religious entities.

I urge you to allow all organizations and individuals to offer, sponsor and obtain health coverage that does not violate their moral and religious convictions.

Thank You, Colleen Barry.

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