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General Comment

Please do not require private health insurance plans to cover contraception and sterilization procedures. If you insist on doing this, at least broaden the religious exemption. It is not enough to exempt religious organizations that employ and serve people of their own faith from this rule. Many Catholic hospitals and other charities do a great deal of good, while employing and serving non-Catholics. Requiring such organizations to include contraception and sterilization in their health insurance plans would force them to violate their religious beliefs, or to shut down. It is both wrong and unconstitutional to try to force people to violate their own beliefs in this situation.