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Dear Secretary Sebelius:

It is my understanding that effective 9/23/10, there will be a requirement that preventive health services be covered by insurers at no cost to patients. I am surprised that contraception has not been approved to be listed under preventive health care services. It is also my understanding that this means that contraception as preventive care may not be covered until 2013.

Contraception is part preventive care for women, and access to wide-ranging contraceptive care is in the best interest of women's health, children, and our communities. Not unlike other preventive health care services, you should support cost-sharing for contraception. Unnecessary and unreasonable delays in access to contraceptive care as preventive health services are unacceptable.

I am asking that you reconsider incorporating contraception into preventive health care services, at no cost to patients.

Thank you.

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