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General Comment

I would like to comment on the contraceptive coverage requirements in the "Women's Preventive Services: Required Health Plan Coverage Guidelines." I fully support the regulations AS WRITTEN and would like to request that there be NO EXEMPTIONS for Catholic hospitals in rural areas. It is difficult enough to get health care in rural areas, and many of the people who work at Catholic hospitals in these areas MAY NOT BE CATHOLIC. Therefore, granting Catholic hospitals an exemption from paying for their employee's preventative care on religious grounds means that you are allowing the Catholic hospitals to impose their misogynous views on women who do not share their beliefs.

I commend you for the rule that you have proposed, and believe that ALL women should be covered, irregardless of who they work for. Thank you. Linda Zellmer