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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. This is an important step in improving to women's health care in this country.

I also want you to know that I am concerned that certain religious employers may be allowed to opt out of the requirements. All women should have access to contraceptive coverage, regardless of where they work.

I repeat, ALL WOMEN should have adequate access to contraception and it should be covered by health insurance. The benefits for our country as well as individual citizens will be enormous. A woman who can plan when to have a family is able to participate in society more fully. Allowing women to space their pregnancies contributes to healthy childbearing. And ultimately, fewer unintended pregnancies can reduce the need for abortion.

As a woman, a scientist, a mother and a grandmother, I want to commend you for following science-based recommendations and making women's health a priority.