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General Comment

I am adamantly opposed to the new guidelines forcing insurance companies to provide free preventative health care to women--including contraceptives and pills that may cause abortions. Without a copayment, the cost of birth control pills and abortifacients will be shared among everyone in the insurance pool, which also blatantly disregards citizens' right to conscience.

Contraceptives are NOT a medical necessity and pregnancy is NOT a disease. Birth control is already widely available and publicly funded programs already provide it for women who cannot afford it.

Religious exemptions should be broadened, as the new guidelines explicitly fail to cover right-to-life organizations, Catholic hospitals, and Christian radio stations.