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General Comment

I am a strong supporter of the new policy (CMS-9992-IFC2) requiring health insurance plans to cover birth control without a co-pay. This is an important improvement to women's health care. Improving women's access to birth control is positive in so many ways. 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 always when birth control is involved certain religious elements & employers may try to opt out of the requirements, and I am very concerned that they should not be allowed to do that. All women should have access to contraceptive coverage, regardless of where they work.
This policy finally should make near-universal access to birth control a reality for all women who use it.
Thank you for following science-based recommendations and making women's health a priority.

Thank you, Rebecca Evans