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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. Thank you for this important improvement to women's health care.
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. Women will then be free to make their own choices based on their own religious beliefs, not those of their employer.
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. This includes more time in the workforce, when she can be earning an income and paying taxes. Allowing women to space their pregnancies contributes to healthy childbearing. And ultimately, fewer unintended pregnancies will reduce the need for abortion.
Thank you for following science-based recommendations and making women's health a priority.

Sincerely,

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