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General Comment

I strongly support the new policy requiring health-insurance plans to cover birth control without a copay, 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.

This policy finally should make near-universal access to birth control a reality for all women who use it.

Using oral contraceptives is preventative care for my sisters and I, as our mother passed away due to ovarian cancer. Though we now have a heightened risk of ovarian cancer, using birth control greatly reduces this risk. I ask that you keep my situation in mind; I know it is only one of a multitude.

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.

Thank you for following science-based recommendations and making women's health a priority.