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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.

To prevent this would be discriminatory. To allow religious employers to impose their lifestyle choices on others is discriminatory. Both violate the foundation on which this country was founded.

This policy finally should make near-universal access to birth control a reality for all women who use it. Regardless of employers religious or political views.

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 making women's health a priority. I trust you will represent our rights appropriately.