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General Comment

I applaud the expansions of preventative care and women's health care, including birth control coverage. Expanding women's access to all available options for taking care of their reproductive health and family planning will be a great benefit to everyone!

One thing that worries me is that some religious groups are lobbying for supposedly "conscience" based exemptions from the expanded requirements. All women deserve equal access to this vital segment of their healthcare, and those of us who really support freedom of conscience recognize that it includes the right of each person to make decisions about her own health care. Please don't let these noisy few succeed in expanding the narrow exemption in order to deprive some women of access to information and care.

Birth control allows women and men to make sure that every child, leading to stronger and happier families, lower poverty, and better education. We will all benefit from providing this unrestricted service to everyone.