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## General Comment

Pregnancy is not a disease and drugs and surgeries to prevent pregnancy are not basic health care that the federal government should require all US citizens to purchase. Please remove sterilization and prescription contraceptives from the list of "preventive" services that the federal government is mandating in private health plans. It is especially important to exclude any drug that may cause an early abortion--and to fully respect religious freedom as other federal laws do. The narrow religious exemption in HHS's new rule protects almost no one. I urge you to allow all organizations and individuals to offer, sponsor, and obtain health coverage that does not violate their moral and religious convictions.