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## General Comment

The so-called "religious exemption" is too narrow. There are many religious institutions that make a point of serving *\*everyone\**, not just members of their own faith. These include schools, colleges, hospitals, nursing homes, orphanages, charities, etc. ....

As religious groups, they may find it against their beliefs to pay for artificial contraception and/or abortifacient "morning after" pills for their employees. But they do not qualify for the religious exemption as currently written. ....

I urge HHS to adopt a broad and strong exemption that truly covers *\*all\** employers with religious and conscientious objections to providing birth control and abortion drugs. It should specifically exempt all religious organizations under section 501 (c) of the IRS Code. ....

Thank you.