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## General Comment

The HHS Interim Final Rule published on Aug 3 which authorizes HRSA to mandate that sterilization and all contraceptive drugs approved by FDA be covered in all PPACA Health care plans must be amended. Most heinously, this interim final rule extends to abortifacients, including most notably Ulipristal or "ELLA".

The narrow religious exemptions extend only to employers who have "the inculcation of religious values" and who are church organizations under the tax code. This exemption thereby excludes Catholic colleges, universities and hospitals as well as general charities.

This interim final rule must be amended to eliminate contraceptives and sterilization and the exemption must be broadend to include all Catholic employers.

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