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### General Comment

RE: CMS-9992-IFC2 I fully support that all women should have access to contraception care as presented in the new health regulations. I am very concerned with the religious right's efforts to expand the "religious employer" exemption. This is just another way for this group to systematically chip away at individual freedom and rights and the separation of church and state.

The matter of whether or not to utilize family planning options is a private decision for each individual alone. When choosing to serve the public in a health occupation, a provider's personal belief should be separate from his/her public role. The expectation from a provider should be to treat each patient with human dignity, respect, and individual freedom as afforded by law.

If health providers are allowed to deny access to critical and legal services as part of their public role, then the meaning of the United States Constitution will continue to be eroded.