

From: [Mary Johnsen](#)
To: [E-OHPSCA2713.EBSA](#)
Subject: In Response to HHS New Mandates
Date: Monday, August 08, 2011 12:10:57 PM

Good Morning,

I am writing in regards to the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) new mandates concerning preventive health services to be covered by insurance plans. Specifically those that require all insurance plans to provide coverage for all prescription contraceptives approved by the FDA as well as abortifacients. Few exceptions exist, such as "religious employers". However, the definition used to describe a "religious employer" is so narrow that its applicability negates most religious employers within the United States.

I would like to express my opposition to the narrow-mindedness of the definition of "religious employer" for the new contraceptive mandates. Considering the United States was founded on and continues to operate through Christian influence, this "definition" should be extended to include more legitimate religious employers.

Thank you for your time,

Mary-Kathryn Johnsen
Mandeville, La