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General Comment

I understand that the HHS is accepting public comment on the topic of contraceptive coverage from now to Sept. 30. I am concerned that particular religious employers may not be allowed to opt out of the requirements. All women have access to contraceptive coverage, regardless of where they work.

The religious exemption should be broadened to cover right-to-life organizations, Catholic hospitals, Christian radio stations, etc.

Contraceptives are not a medical necessity and pregnancy is not a disease. Birth control is widely available and publicly funded programs already provide it for women who cannot afford it.