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## General Comment

The Federal Government has become way too intrusive in the rules that are being proposed. Mandating regulations that REQUIRE certain coverages that are morally objectionable to so many people is abominable. In particular I am referring to the interim rule on preventative services. The proposed definition of preventative services is beyond my understanding. Since when is pregnancy a disease??? Pregnancy requires the deliberate act of the union of a man and woman in sexual intercourse. It does not just happen or manifest as the result of DNA abnormalities or cell abnormalities of which you have no control. That being said, I would conclude that drugs and surgical procedures to prevent it are NOT basic health care, nor preventative care, and the government should NOT require all Americans seeking health care to buy them. Please remove sterilization and prescription contraceptives from the list of "preventive services" the federal government is mandating in private health plans. It is especially important to exclude any drug that may cause an early abortion, and to fully respect religious freedom as other federal laws do. The narrow religious exemption in HHS's new rule protects almost no one. I urge you to allow all organizations and individuals to offer, sponsor and obtain health coverage that does not violate their moral and religious convictions

Thank you for taking the time to consider my opinion.