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## **General Comment**

Your interim final rule exempting some religious employers from providing contraceptive and sterilization services for women is far too narrow. It will probably mean the closing or divestment of Catholic hospitals and clinics across the nation as the bishops will not compromise in the publicly declared teaching of the Catholic church on these issues. Unfortunately, I suspect that the authors of the regulation are well aware of this and may be hoping for just that result.