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General Comment

I oppose taking away access to preventative care based on employers own beliefs in its coverage for employees. We are stripping more power away from individuals and putting them in the hands of more powerful entities such as companies, corporations, and governments. People are losing their ability to choose for themselves when their decisions are not even up to them to make. Having employers decide what their insurance covers not only teeters on violating the first amendment against its employers, but also violates a persons right to decide what she does with her body.

The argument could be made that the employee can choose a different company to work for who will cover her contraception, but in this economy, is this a valid point? If she is seeking contraception so her financial burden will remain less (i.e. not having kids), can we blame her for wanting it to be a part of her health coverage? If the consequences of the lack of employer-funded insurance coverage are substantial health and financial issues (i.e. children), then the coverage of such contraception is also a health and financial issue.

Above all, allow people to CHOOSE for themselves. Provide the people options, not just those with power such as an employer or corporation. Provide a blanket system of health services that are universally accessible regardless of the personal leanings of the CEO or business owner. Don't you think that, if contraception isn't covered and an employee becomes pregnant, that will affect the business, too? It is in the business's interest to prevent such a situation from occurring.

Giving people the choice as well as protecting employees from unforeseen and unwanted circumstances, should be a top priority for HHS.