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## General Comment

Women are entitled to preventative health care regardless of who employs them. No employer has the right to force its philosophical or political beliefs on its employees and this includes religious employers.

Religious employers do not deserve any sort of exemption or special treatment regarding the provision of basic health care coverage for workers. Further, basic health care - by any reasonable assessment - includes contraceptive and family planning services. If secular employers provide this coverage, so must religious employers. All organizations should be treated equally under the law and no woman should be discriminated against because of where she works.