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Message box: Comment for CMS-9992-IFC2:

In the late 1960s, I served as the student representative on a Columbia University committee about the student health service. The committee was all men, except me. It took me two years of work to earn their respect and convince them that basic health service for women included gynecological care, including contraception and should be part of the student health services offered by the University.

It's discouraging that the same issue is still contentious. Surely there is a consensus that gynecological services are basic health care and must be universally provided. In my view, human health trumps the personal and individual religious or ideological position of a medical professional or his/her institution. It is a social good that should not be unequally distributed, just because our society administers health access through employment institutions.

Please remove the proposed religious employer refusal provision from your Women's Preventive Services rule.

Thank you for your attention.