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General Comment

The government should make clear in the final rules that a female spouse or immediate female family member covered by the insurance of a religious employer as defined by the proposed amendments would be able to receive the comprehensive health care benefits even if the employee who originally receives benefits is in one of the unique positions exempted by the proposed amendments.

There is no verifiable religious documentation which forbids a woman from receiving reproductive health services. No life is lost, no person is injured, no scripture is violated, no evidence of religious freedom is compromised.

Religion is a personal decision, and a religious employer should not have influence or input on the healthcare options an employee may exercise.