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General Comment

I think it is ridiculous to think that contraceptive care is not a preventive service. Would health groups rather pay for an unplanned pregnancy including prenatal care and obstretic costs rather than paying for contraceptive exams and birth control? After working for years at a clinic providing contraceptive exams, I can say that many conditions have been diagnosed early. Examples are: cervical cancer, cervical dysplasia, thyroid cancer, breast abnormalities and breast cancer, etc. Caught early, these conditions can be treated early, caught too late and the costs are increased and the quality of life for the woman is decreased.

It only makes sense from an economic viewpoint, "a stich in time, saves 9" and from a medical viewpoint for the health of a woman and a child.

Please think logically!

Thank you

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