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On behalf of the nearly 100,000 bipartisan members and donors of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), please find attached AAUW's comments on the interim final regulations implementing the rules for group health plans and health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets under provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act regarding preventive health services.

AAUW applauds the decision of Secretary Sebelius to adopt the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine regarding preventive care services that should be covered without co-pay or cost-sharing. Yet although the proposed regulations are a great step forward, AAUW was extremely disappointed by the inclusion of an exemption for religious employers which excuses them from the requirement to offer insurance plans that cover contraception for their employees. This serious flaw in the regulation allows religious employers to unduly restrict employees' access to health care, and should not be included in the final rule.

Regards,
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