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## General Comment

As a physician, educator, and parent, I am appalled at the idea that the issue of whether or not contraception should be classified as a preventive service is being shuttled to the IOM. Of course it is. This is a delaying tactic to appease anti-science religious zealots, the same individuals who delayed the rollout of anti-HIV programs in the 1980s (leading to untold, unnecessary suffering and deaths) and those who have delayed action on climate change, etc.

Contraception is a preventive service which should be covered, plain and simple.

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