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General Comment

I am opposed to any birth control mandate or limitation of conscience rights in health insurance plans.

It is well known that birth control has been ineffective and has resulted in the explosion of unwanted pregnancies. Princeton University analyzed 23 studies on emergency contraception from 1998-2006 and its report in the journal Obstetrics and Gynecology (January 2007) revealed that unwanted pregnancies and abortions were not reduced and that the programs were complete failures. Furthermore, birth control devalues human life to a commodity to be regulated and not respected.

Religious freedom is a Constitutional right. The U.S. Government is attempting to violate this right by imposing mandates that contradict religious values. Limiting religious freedom and the right of conscience never works as been proven time and time again in world history. It should not be allowed to take root here.