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General Comment

Secretary Sebelius

It is unconscionable to think that you would not include coverage for contraceptives under preventive health services!

This country has one of the highest unintended pregnancy rates among developed countries with half of all pregnancies being mistimed or not wanted at all. The number of abortions performed in this country is a tragedy and is directly related to women's ability to PREVENT pregnancies. Women must be able to plan their families to optimize their potential in life. You must realize that contraception is part of preventive care for women, and access to wide-ranging contraceptive care is in the best interest of women's health, children, and our communities. Support cost-sharing for preventive care services like contraception. We need your help to ensure access to family planning services in the dawn of health care reform for women, families and communities.

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