



## **Statement from the National Council of Catholic Women - HHS Mandate for Coverage**

*Judy Powers, President, National Council of Catholic Women*

“The National Council of Catholic Women is extremely disappointed by the Obama Administration’s decision to ignore requests from Catholic institutions to broaden the exemption to a proposed rule that mandates that all employers offering employee health coverage provide access to contraception, sterilization, and abortifacients.

The National Council of Catholic Women, with nearly 4,000 affiliate chapters nationwide, represents the voice of millions of Catholic women in the United States. Our mission is rooted in service as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ and our commitment to live out our Gospel traditions.

NCCW stands with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in urging that this Health and Human Services mandate be overturned, and we are committed to working with our members to reform the law and change this unjust ruling.”

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