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Office of Secretary Sebelius  
Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC, 20201

Re: Contraception Coverage

Secretary Sebelius,

On January 27th, you appeared on an iVillage Village Town Hall webcast to discuss women's health and the effects of the Affordable Care Act on women. During the live webcast, the moderator asked a submitted question regarding new no-cost coverage of contraceptive care. Your answer included the information that condoms would be covered through this provision.

Your response can be viewed here: <http://youtu.be/UmYQD6cdZPM?t=4m23s>

The Health Resource and Services Administration website states that the new rule will include "All Food and Drug Administration approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures, and patient education and counseling for all women with reproductive capacity." (<http://www.hrsa.gov/womensguidelines>) It appears that this is what was referred to while speaking to the iVillage audience. Men's Health Network applauds the Department of Health and Human Services expansion of preventive care.

We request further information regarding whether:

- a) condoms will be among the contraceptive options that health insurance will be required to cover, and
- b) whether HHS has considered expanding this coverage to include men.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Men's Health Network