

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE

RESOLUTION 1041

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution disapproving certain rule; urging Congress to adopt laws nullifying its effect; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2012, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS"), under the direction and influence of the Obama administration, issued a final rule that requires that health insurance plans, including those of religious institutions, "cover preventive services for women including recommended contraceptive services without charging a copay, coinsurance or a deductible"; and

WHEREAS, HHS's rule further states that plans must cover the "full range of the Institute of Medicine's recommended preventive services, including all FDA-approved forms of contraception"; and

WHEREAS, the FDA's list of approved methods of contraception includes abortifacients, which are abortion drugs prescribed to kill life in the womb after conception; and

1 WHEREAS, this new mandate sets a dangerous precedent for
2 American democracy and undermines the U.S. Constitution; and

3 WHEREAS, this mandate is a wholesale assault on the specific
4 protections of religious liberties afforded to all Americans by the
5 First Amendment, which states "Congress shall make no law respecting
6 an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise
7 thereof".

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

10 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives disapproves of the
11 final rule issued by HHS on January 20, 2012, that requires that
12 health insurance plans, including those of religious institutions,
13 cover preventive services for women including recommended
14 contraceptive services without charging a copay, coinsurance or a
15 deductible.

16 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives urges Congress to
17 adopt laws which would nullify the effect of such rule.

18 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to President
19 Barack Obama, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius,
20 and each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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