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**ACA Contraceptive Rollback Could Place  
Significant Strains on Missouri Public Health Safety Net**

On October 6, the Trump Administration released two new rules that exempt any employer from the contraceptive coverage requirement under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) if the employer claims a religious or moral objection.

A strong proponent for access to contraception for every woman, Missouri Family Health Council, Inc. (MFHC) strongly opposes this pandering political maneuver from the Trump Administration.

“The ACA birth control mandate has enabled women across the country to access contraception without running into financial barriers – barriers which disproportionately affect low-income women and women of color,” said Michelle Trupiano, MFHC Executive Director. “The Trump Administration could singlehandedly eliminate the public health gains we’ve made in the past couple of years – lower unintended and teen pregnancy rates, as well as higher rates of women accessing the most effective forms of birth control.”

This is a rollback of the Obama-era requirement that mandated employer-provided health insurance policies to cover birth control methods at no cost to the employee. While some employers may continue their coverage, millions of American women could be left without contraceptive coverage.

The Title X family planning program has been woefully underfunded for years, so to suggest that the safety-net provider network can provide coverage to previously privately insured individuals is disingenuous.

“Once again, President Trump is out of touch with the health care needs of Americans,” Trupiano said. “This short-sighted tactic could potentially cause millions of women to go without contraception.”

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Missouri Family Health Council, a private nonprofit organization based in Jefferson City, champions access for every individual to culturally sensitive, quality, sexual and reproductive health education and services by developing and managing family planning and related preventive reproductive health programs. MFHC allocates \$4.3M in Title X funding to 68 clinic sites via 18 subrecipients throughout the state. Missouri’s diverse Title X network consists of health departments, federally qualified health centers, community action agencies, hospitals, nonprofits, and affiliates of Planned Parenthood. Title X funds are granted to MFHC through the Office of Population Affairs. Please join us at [www.MFHC.org](http://www.MFHC.org) to learn more.

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