

## Subsidized Safe Sex

ObamaCare requires that Catholic institutions provide birth control pills and “morning after” abortifacients, even though it is against their religious beliefs, but Medicare will not cover the life-saving cancer drug Avastin because it is too expensive. If insurers were not forced to provide *millions* of young women with birth control pills for free, would there not be more health care dollars available to provide Avastin to the few *thousand* cancer patients who need it? Isn't the *purpose* of insurance to provide coverage for illnesses and injuries, rather than subsidizing routine, day-to-day activities? The logic of paying for birth control but not paying for a cancer treatment is the equivalent of automobile insurance paying for oil changes but not paying for collision repairs.

The Obama administration claims its policies are defensible because they “support women’s rights.” But a right is meaningless if one is dead, and isn't trying to stay alive more significant to a woman than preventing pregnancy? A woman has a right to free safe sex, but no right to a particular cancer treatment? We can't afford to pay for anti-cancer drugs, but we can jack up insurance premiums enough to pay for birth control pills for practically every woman—or young girl—in the United States who can have a baby? And they won't even have to satisfy an annual deductible or make a co-payment? If antibiotics for a strep throat requires a co-payment, is it too much to ask the same of sexual relations?

I guess women with breast cancer may be out of luck but, thanks to Obama, at least they can die knowing that their teen-aged daughters will be able to enjoy subsidized “safe sex.”

Hold on... I just figured it out: There are far more “I want free birth control pills” votes than there are “Please, why can't I get Avastin?” votes.

*Color me cynical...*

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Note: It is worth pointing out that the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research considers oral contraceptive pills carcinogenic. Giving birth control pills to women for free today may result in an increased risk of cancer in the future, including breast cancer. Contraceptives have also been linked to a dramatic increase in sexually transmitted diseases, including HPV. The Centers for Disease Control warns that using birth control pills for five or more years increases the risk of cervical cancer, which is linked to HPV. (This is not to suggest that no one should take birth control pills, but demanding that insurers provide them for free will no doubt lead to their increased use—especially if young women are led to believe, “They must be safe or the government wouldn't have made them available for free.”)