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The Honorable Margaret Hamburg, MD
Office of the Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
10903 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20993

RE: AAFP Statement in Support of the Coverage of Over-the-Counter Family Planning Pharmaceuticals

Dear Commissioner Hamburg:

On behalf of the 105,900 members of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), I am writing to share with you our support for policies and legislation that would require public and private insurance plans to provide coverage for family planning drugs and supplies that are FDA approved, including those for sale over the counter.

Further, the AAFP is urging health insurers and managed care organizations that participate in Medicaid and the private insurance market to include in their insurance products coverage for family planning drugs and supplies that are FDA-approved for sale over the counter, and not require a prescription for such coverage.

Finally, we wish to reiterate our support for efforts to remove the barriers to over-the-counter contraception for low-income women in this country. We look forward to working with you on this important issue now and in the future.

Sincerely,

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