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Source: Obama to announce compromise on contraception mandate

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According to an Associated Press source, President Barack Obama will announce a compromise this morning on his mandate that would require religious employers to cover free birth control for women.

According to The Associated Press:

The shift is aimed at containing the political firestorm that erupted after Obama announced in January that religious-affiliated employers had to cover birth control as preventative care for women. Churches and houses of worship were exempt, but all other affiliated organizations were ordered to comply by Aug. 2013.

Republican leaders and religious groups, especially Roman Catholics, responded with intense outrage, saying the requirement would force them to violate church teachings and long-held beliefs against contraception.

NCR will follow the announcement live (it's expected to be on CNN), and we'll have updates for you as the morning progresses.

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