



June 25, 2015, Washington, DC -- Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) Chief Executive Officer Lori Freeman issued the following statement regarding today's ruling in the King v. Burwell case:

“AMCHP welcomes today's Supreme Court ruling that preserves coverage for millions of low and moderate-income women and families who receive subsidized coverage through the federal health insurance Marketplace.

Through the Affordable Care Act, millions of women and their families have gained access to affordable health insurance, many for the first time. The importance of affordable, comprehensive health insurance for women and children cannot be overstated. For women of child-bearing age in particular, Marketplace health plans offer critically important benefits that promote good health before, during and after pregnancy. Family planning, maternity and newborn care, breastfeeding support, smoking cessation, screening for breast cancer, diabetes, and HIV are some of the essential health services now available to more women, all without cost sharing.

Today's ruling also preserves coverage for more than 700,000 children who receive health insurance through their parents' subsidized Marketplace plans. From covering well child visits with no cost-sharing to providing care for children with complex medical conditions, Marketplace plans have become a vital component of our nation's pediatric health insurance system along with Medicaid, CHIP and employer-sponsored coverage.

Although we applaud today's ruling, there is still work to be done. AMCHP and its members welcome the opportunity to partner with state and national policy makers as we continue our collective efforts to improve access to care and continuity of coverage for our nation's women and families.”

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