



AMCHP Statement on the Supreme Court Affordable Care Act Ruling

June 28, 2012 -- Washington, DC: Earlier today, the Supreme Court of the United States issued its ruling on the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). By a vote of 5 to 4, the Court ruled that the law is constitutional. A copy of the decision is available [here](#).

Following the release of this historic decision by the court, Michael Fraser, PhD, CAE, Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP), issued the following statement:

“Health insurance coverage, access to quality health care services, and public health promotion and prevention programs for all women, children, and families are vital to ensuring a healthy America. The Supreme Court ruling removes much of the uncertainty that many maternal and child health leaders have experienced in implementing certain provisions of the Affordable Care Act, including protections for children and youth with special health care needs, the promotion of essential health benefits, access to medical homes, expanded evidence-based home visiting programs and teen pregnancy prevention programs.”

AMCHP will continue to support state maternal and child health (MCH) leaders and their partners in their implementation of the Affordable Care Act. The AMCHP [National Center for Health Reform Implementation](#) provides states and their partners with information, tools and resources to navigate and optimize opportunities to improve services, systems, and outcomes for MCH populations. AMCHP developed an extensive overview of key MCH provisions in the ACA, which is available [here](#), and a summary highlighting the implementation status of MCH provisions, available [here](#).

Dr. Fraser added, “There has been a great deal of debate over how to best ensure that all Americans can enjoy optimal health and well-being. The ruling today affirms that the Affordable Care Act is the law of the land. We look forward to working with our members and partners on to best leverage the opportunities provided by the ACA to improve maternal and child health and address the public health and health care needs of all women, children and families.”

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The Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs is a national resource, partner and advocate for state public health leaders and others working to improve the health of women, children, youth and families, including those with special health care needs. For more information, contact Brent Ewig, Director of Policy, at (202) 775-0436 or info@amchp.org.