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Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut

Applauds Supreme Court Action to Protect the Affordable Care Act

Today the Supreme Court released a 7-2 decision upholding Affordable Care Act (ACA) and preserving the insurance coverage and consumer protections that hundreds of thousands of Connecticut residents rely on.

“At a time when we are just beginning to emerge from the crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is unconscionable that the Affordable Care Act was ever at risk to begin with and it is a relief that the Court chose to preserve the law and not destroy it,” said Frances G. Padilla, president of Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut. “Perhaps at long last, our country’s leaders can work together to expand access to quality, affordable health care for everyone, rather than take it away.”

The decision threatened the affordability of and access to coverage for anyone under age 65 living with a pre-existing health condition. Over \$2 billion of federal funding for Access Health CT subsidies were at risk, including new subsidies made available through the American Rescue Plan, affecting more than 75,000 state residents. And over 300,000 state residents stood to lose their Medicaid coverage, at a time when many people remain unemployed due to the pandemic. If the ruling had been upheld, parents would no longer be able to cover their children under age 26 through their employer plan and Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage would have become much more expensive.

“The Affordable Care Act is more popular than ever,” said Padilla. “It is time to stop playing political games with people’s lives.”

Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut’s mission is to serve as a catalyst that engages residents and communities in shaping a democratic health system that provides universal access to quality, affordable, equitable health care and promotes health in Connecticut. We believe that health care is a fundamental right and that our work is part of a broader movement for social and economic justice.