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HFA Reacts to Supreme Court Ruling on Affordable Care Act

Ruling will have Long-term Effect on the Bleeding Disorder Community

Washington, D.C. – In a 5-4 vote, the United States Supreme Court today released its much-anticipated ruling on the Affordable Care Act by deciding to uphold most of the health care law. Chief Justice John Roberts authored an opinion, which upheld the constitutionality of the individual mandate because it is a tax, however the Medicaid expansion has been limited.

“HFA is reviewing the ruling and will closely monitor its impact and are committed to ensuring adequate access to care for all people with bleeding disorders,” said Kimberly Haugstad, Executive Director of HFA. “We will continue our advocacy to protect beneficial provisions of the ACA, so that the overall health care system is improved. We encourage everyone in the community to join us.”

In 2010, this landmark legislation was created to reform our health care system to lower costs and expand access to insurance coverage. Patients in the bleeding disorder community have experienced the impact of this legislation due to numerous provisions in the law including: the elimination of insurers denying coverage to children with pre-existing conditions, insurers can not cancel coverage when people get sick, elimination of lifetime caps on coverage, and allowing young adults to stay on their parents coverage until age 26. This provision has already benefited 3.1 million young adults across the country.

The Affordable Care Act afforded many more with new rights and benefits, like small businesses receiving tax credits to provide financial resources to cover the cost of health insurance premiums.

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Hemophilia Federation of America is a national 501(c) (3) organization consisting of more than 30 member organizations and numerous individual members who offer assistance and grassroots advocacy education on behalf of the bleeding disorders community. Incorporated in 1994, HFA provides programs and services to improve the quality of life for persons with hemophilia, von Willebrand disease (VWD) and other rare bleeding disorders.

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