Supreme Court Upholds Obamacare once more!

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By now we've all heard the great news that the Supreme Court today upheld a key provision of the Affordable Care Act, affirming that more than 6 million Americans and their families can continue to receive subsidies that allow them to have access to affordable healthcare regardless of where they live.

Today's historic decision reaffirms the ideal that we at Compassionate Care Network (CCN) have been working to promote for more than 15 years, that healthcare is not a privilege for the few, but a right for all in a civil society. It adds momentum to the pioneering work that CCN, AMHP (American Muslim Health Professionals) and so many other community partners have done to advocate, educate and enroll people with coverage.

In remarks from the White House today, President Obama acknowledged the work of so many people across America that helped make this law a reality, transforming peoples lives, and bringing out the best in how we as Americans care for one another.

"This generation of Americans chose to finish the job ," said the President-"to turn the page on a past when our citizens could be denied coverage just for being sick. To close the books on a history where tens of millions of Americans had no hope of finding decent, affordable health care; had to hang their chances on fate."

Every day, the volunteer healthcare providers and health students of Compassionate Care Network see firsthand the life-saving impact of the Affordable Care Act in some of the most vulnerable communities of America that we serve.

The Affordable Care Act has ushered in a historic culture shift in American healthcare, dramatically improving access, affordability and quality for all. It's a paradigm shift informed by the notion that, "I am my brother's keeper, I am my sister's keeper." As the President said today, "that's when America soars -- when we look out for one another. When we take care of each other."

More than 16 million uninsured Americans have gained coverage so far, who for the first time in their lives can now afford essential benefits such as life-saving preventive services including immunizations and cancer screenings. More than 129 million Americans with pre-existing conditions can no longer be denied health coverage, and women's health premiums can no longer be higher just because of their gender. Compassionate Care Network is proud to have partnered with so many of you across this country, including our great friends at AMHP, to help make history.

But as the President also said today, we've still got much more work to do. There are still 4.3 million Americans in states that refuse to expand Medicaid for partisan political reasons. Many who now have access to affordable healthcare for the first time in their

lives are still uninformed about how best to take advantage of their new health resources. Also the plight of millions of undocumented families living without access to healthcare in America must still be solved.

Through Compassionate Care Network's education and advocacy programs, weekly community health screenings, charity care programs and community partnerships, we are committed to continue working with partners like Enroll America, Get Covered Illinois, Heartland Alliance, Asian Health Coalition, Hamdard Center and AMHP toward more access, affordability and quality healthcare for all in America.