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AAPCHO Applauds SCOTUS Decision to Uphold the Affordable Care Act

WASHINGTON – The Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) released the following statement on the U.S. Supreme Court decision to uphold the Affordable Care Act (ACA). SCOTUS ruled 7-2 that petitioners challenging lacked adequate standing and dismissed the case. AAPCHO previously joined the National Health Law Program (NHLP) and several other health advocacy organizations in filing an [amicus brief](#) urging justices to reject efforts to invalidate the ACA.

Adam P. Carbullido, AAPCHO's director of policy and advocacy, said:

"AAPCHO applauds the Supreme Court's decision to uphold the ACA and protect the health and well-being of millions of Americans—including Asian Americans (AAs) and Native Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders (NH/PIs), and other vulnerable communities served by our member health centers. The ACA helped to reduce health disparities among many AA and NH/PI families and has provided healthcare access to those who would otherwise have little to no means to get care.

"As we celebrate today's ruling, we urge President Biden and Congress to build on the ACA's successes and enact legislation to provide health care to every person in the U.S., regardless of immigration status, income, or geographic residence. We also urge our elected leaders to improve cultural competency and language access within the healthcare system and strengthen data collection and disaggregated standards, especially for diverse AA and NH/PI communities.

"AAPCHO strongly encourages all to apply for health insurance coverage during the Special Enrollment Period, which ends on August 15, 2021, and to work with our member health centers to get coverage. We will work with our members and partners to ensure that affordable, accessible, and culturally and linguistically appropriate health care is available for all."

If you or someone you know is seeking healthcare coverage, visit <https://www.healthcare.gov/> to enroll in a plan.

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About AAPCHO

AAPCHO is a national association of community health organizations dedicated to promoting advocacy, collaboration and leadership that improves the health status and access of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. For more information on AAPCHO, please visit www.aapcho.org.

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