

Umbrella Patient Organization Group Applauds ACA Decision

Urges All Parties Involved in Health Care to “Move On” With Implementation

Washington, DC (June 28, 2012) -- The National Health Council (NHC) President Myrl Weinberg released the following statement in response to the Supreme Court’s decision today to uphold the Affordable Care Act.

“We have felt confident throughout that the Affordable Care Act is constitutional. The patient advocacy community is very pleased with the Supreme Court and its decision to uphold the law. It is now time to put the acrimonious debate behind us and move forward to continue working through the implementation process to produce a health care delivery system that meets the needs of all people – especially those individuals with chronic diseases and disabilities. The National Health Council worked closely with Members of Congress from both sides of the aisle to ensure that the concerns of the patient and family caregiver community were addressed in the Affordable Care Act. We believe the law, though not perfect and certain to evolve over time, is already improving the lives of people with chronic conditions. Let’s move on.”

To read other statements put out by patient advocacy organizations that are members of the NHC, go to <http://www.puttingpatientsfirst.net/ACAdecision>.

Founded in 1920, the National Health Council (NHC) is the only organization of its kind that brings together all segments of the health community to provide a united voice for the more than 133 million people with chronic diseases and disabilities and their family caregivers. Made up of more than 100 national health-related organizations and businesses, its core membership includes approximately 50 of the nation’s leading patient advocacy groups, which control its governance. Visit www.nationalhealthcouncil.org to learn more about NHC and how it is committed to Putting Patients First®.