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AAOS Releases Statement on Supreme Court Decision to Uphold Affordable Care Act

Washington, D.C. - John R. Tongue, MD, President of the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), released the following statement following today's United States Supreme Court ruling to uphold the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA):

“The AAOS recognizes that there are provisions within PPACA that help providers deliver high-value health care services and offer musculoskeletal patients protections against insurance company abuse and educational tools to make better health care choices.

“However, we cannot overlook provisions like the Independent Payment Advisory Board that threaten the doctor-patient relationship and the administrative burdens within the law that could greatly hinder providers' ability to deliver quality care by infringing upon exam room time.

“The AAOS will continue its efforts to achieve a patient-centered solution to health reform by working with Congress to best implement the beneficial provisions of PPACA; repeal the detrimental provisions that still exist, and; to solve critical issues, like achieving a permanent solution to the flawed Sustainable Growth Rate formula and addressing federal medical liability reform, that the law failed to address.”

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