STATEMENT ON SUPREME COURT DECISION ON THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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Today’s historic decision lifts a heavy burden from millions of Americans who need access to health coverage. The promise of coverage can now become a reality.

The decision means that hospitals now have much-needed clarity to continue on their path toward transformation. But transforming the delivery of health care will take much more than the strike of a gavel or stroke of a pen. It calls for the entire health care community to continue to work together, along with patients and purchasers, to implement better coordinated, high-quality care.

Now that the Supreme Court has made its decision, hospitals will continue their efforts to improve the law for patients, families and communities.