



**MISSISSIPPI
HEALTH ADVOCACY
PROGRAM**

A Member of
Sisters of Mercy Ministries

800 North President Street
Jackson, MS 39202-2560

STATEMENT

For Immediate Release

JUNE 28, 2012

MEDIA CONTACTS:

Corey Wiggins, Program Manager, cwiggins@mhap.org or 601-353-0845; (p); 601-353-0329 (f)

Debbie Smith, Communications Assistant, dsmith@mhap.org or 601-353-0845 (p); 601-353-0329 (f)

Affordable Care Act Ruling A Victory for Mississippi Families

JACKSON, Miss. – The Mississippi Health Advocacy Program released the following statement today regarding today’s Supreme Court ruling on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act:

“Today’s U.S. Supreme Court ruling is a tremendous victory for Mississippi families. More than 500,000 adults and 100,000 children in Mississippi will benefit from the increased options for health insurance coverage and will help to protect working families and small business owners from unknown catastrophic health care costs by providing affordable health insurance options.

“Thousands of Mississippians have already benefited from the ACA — seniors are paying lower drug costs, young adults have been able to stay on their parents’ insurance plan, and insurance no longer has lifetime limits and covers preventive care with no out-of-pocket costs. Also, Mississippians will benefit from reforms that will be implemented in 2014 when no one can be denied coverage due to a pre-existing condition and low- and moderate-income Mississippians will have access to more affordable coverage.

“While the court’s decision raises questions around changes to Medicaid eligibility, the need to provide multiple health insurance options to Mississippi families remains an important element in providing affordable health insurance to Mississippians.”

###

The Mississippi Health Advocacy Program (MHAP), founded in 1992, is a non-profit, consumer advocacy program dedicated to improving health policy in Mississippi. MHAP combines research, public education and community engagement to improve health policies, practices and funding in Mississippi, especially in support of the state’s poor and underserved people.