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AAPCHO Statement on the Amicus Brief to the U.S. Supreme Court Supporting the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid Expansion

OAKLAND, February 16, 2012 – Today, the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) joined the National Health Law Program (NHELP) and other organizations of health care providers, consumers and local health officials in the presentation of an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court supporting the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) Medicaid expansion.

“The Medicaid program has helped millions of individuals, many of whom are Asian American Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander, get access to health care,” said Jeffrey Caballero, Executive Director of AAPCHO. “We must continue to support the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid expansion as it will provide an additional 16 million individuals with health coverage they otherwise would not be able to afford.”

The Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations is a not for profit national association of community health organizations dedicated to promoting advocacy, collaboration and leadership that improves the health status and access of medically underserved AA&NHOPIs across the U.S.

For a copy of the amicus brief go to: <http://www.healthlaw.org>. The Supreme Court will hear oral arguments for and against the ACA on March 26-28th.

About AAPCHO

AAPCHO is a national association of 29 community health organizations dedicated to promoting advocacy, collaboration, and leadership that improves the health status and access of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian, and other Pacific Islanders in the United States. For more information on AAPCHO and its Guiding Principles and Values, please visit www.aapcho.org. AAPCHO can also be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/aapcho.

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