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Talking Points

What the Supreme Court King v. Burwell Decision Means for Connecticut

Over the past two years, the Connecticut Health Foundation (CT Health) has supported the state's enrollment community (navigators, in-person assisters, certified application counselors) through grants, policy work, and partnership. CT Health knows the enrollment community continues to be a trusted source of information for consumers, especially in communities of color and underserved communities.

If consumers come to you with questions or confusion about what the King v. Burwell Supreme Court decision means for the state or their situation, CT Health offers the following talking points. Feel free to adapt the points for your community and to share this resource with others.

SCOTUS decides in favor of the government/Burwell (a "good" decision for affordable health insurance across the country)

- The Supreme Court released an important decision about the Affordable Care Act ("ACA," "Obamacare"). The decision means that no matter what state you live in, you can continue to get financial help to purchase health insurance if you qualify for it.

- The case was about financial help for commercial insurance plans and did not look at Medicaid (known as "HUSKY" in Connecticut).

- This is a big victory for consumers everywhere and it means that millions of people will be able to afford their health insurance.

- Nothing changes for people in Connecticut buying coverage through Access Health CT.

- If you bought a plan through Access Health CT, you should continue to pay your premium and use your preventive and medical benefits.

- In Connecticut and across the nation, the long term goals of the ACA will continue to be to improve health outcomes, reduce health disparities, and improve how health care is delivered.

For more information on how the ACA is working for Connecticut and helping communities of color gain more access to better care, visit our website www.cthealth.org.

Talking Points for Clients and Community Members