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Community Health Options Applauds Supreme Court Decision to Preserve the Availability of Advanced Premium Tax Credits

Lewiston, Maine – Earlier today the Supreme Court handed down a decision in favor of the government in the King v. Burwell case which challenged the availability of premium subsidies in the 34 states that chose to allow the federal government to provide the functioning of a Health Insurance Marketplace (Healthcare.gov).

Community Health Options applauds the Supreme Court's ruling. The ruling recognizes the validity of premium subsidies, also known as Advanced Premium Tax Credits (APTC). More importantly, the ruling allows for the continuation of premium subsidies that have proven vital to more than 100,000 people throughout Maine and New Hampshire, and made the entire non-group insurance market more robust and affordable. On average, people saw a monthly premium that was less than $100 after the APTC was applied.

Community Health Options' CEO, Kevin Lewis noted, "Now with King v. Burwell behind us, people throughout northern New England and the country can continue to count on access to affordable health insurance coverage. Meanwhile, we at Community Health Options maintain our focus on reducing barriers to timely and appropriate treatment and improving access to necessary care management, and generally improving the value that people get out of their coverage as measured by their overall health and wellness. We remain committed to improving health outcomes while lowering total costs, improving access to care, and supporting community resources that promote the health and wellbeing of our Members."

About Community Health Options – Community Health Options is a Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP) providing comprehensive, Member-focused, and Member-led health insurance benefits for individuals, families, and businesses. Licensed in both Maine and New Hampshire, Community Health Options is dedicated to providing affordable, high-quality health benefits through productive partnerships with Members and a broad network of providers throughout its service areas. For more information about Community Health Options, visit the website: www.maineoptions.org