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HARI Statement on Supreme Court Decision

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“Today the United States Supreme Court affirmed the legality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA),” said Edward Quinlan, president of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island. “This is an important decision for our state’s hospitals and patients.”

“More than 120,000 Rhode Islanders currently lack health insurance. Each day, nearly 150 patients seek care in our hospitals without the ability to pay. The cost of uncompensated care exceeded \$160 million last year and has become a monumental fiscal burden for our struggling hospitals. The Affordable Care Act will help to alleviate these challenges and ensure that every Rhode Islander has access to quality health care”

“Rhode Island has undertaken a collaborative effort led by the Rhode Island Health Reform Commission to establish state mechanisms to implement health reform. Hospitals will continue to serve as active participants in this important work.”

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Founded over a half century ago, the Hospital Association of Rhode Island is a statewide trade organization that assists member hospitals in effectively meeting the health care needs of Rhode Island, through advocacy, representation, education and services. HARI members work collaboratively to improve the quality of care delivered and address issues threatening access to health care including increasing health costs, workforce shortages and decreasing reimbursement. HARI members work together to ensure that all Rhode Islanders will receive comprehensive, high quality health care.