

## **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **Texas Health Care Organizations and Patients Celebrate U.S. Supreme Court Affordable Care Act Decision, Shift Focus to State Inaction**

- *Court ruling spares more than 1 million Texans who were in danger of losing health insurance*
- *New report details consequences of State inaction that leaves millions without health care, impacts health care infrastructure and the Texas economy*

**Austin, TX-June 25, 2015**-Two health care organizations involved in the care of millions of Texans are celebrating today's U.S. Supreme Court ruling that left a key part of the Affordable Care Act intact. The Texas Association of Community Health Centers (TACHC) and the Texas Academy of Family Physicians (TAFP) are releasing a report, ***How Will Texas' Affordable Care Act Implementation Decisions Affect the Population? A Closer Look***, written by health care policy experts at The George Washington University.

The report and analysis examines the consequences of the inaction by state leaders to take advantage of opportunities under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to create a state health insurance Marketplace and to expand health insurance coverage to low-income, working Texans.

County level data show the number of people who have taken advantage of purchasing health insurance in the Marketplace and the number of people who would be able to obtain coverage through Medicaid expansion.

- **The report is available at [www.tachc.org](http://www.tachc.org).**
- TACHC Executive Director Jose E. Camacho and TAFP CEO/EVP Tom Banning are available for interviews.
- TACHC has identified patients available for interviews who have obtained health insurance coverage and have received federal premium subsidies through the Marketplace.
- Soundbites (video and audio) summarizing opinion and Texas impact, as well as B-Roll available for download at **[www.tachc.org](http://www.tachc.org)**

#### **About TACHC**

The Texas Association of Community Health Centers is a private, non-profit membership association that represents Texas safety-net health care providers. Texas community health centers, also called Federally Qualified Health Centers, serve more than 1.1 million people at over 350 sites in 118 counties. [www.tachc.org](http://www.tachc.org)

#### **About TAFP**

The Texas Academy of Family Physicians is a private, not for profit membership organization dedicated to uniting the family doctors of Texas through advocacy, education, and member services. Representing over 8,000 family physicians, residents and medical student throughout Texas, TAFP empowers their members to provide a medical home for patients of all ages. [www.tafp.org](http://www.tafp.org)

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