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King v. Burwell Decision Keeps More Insured and Continues to Strengthen the Safety Net

(June 25, 2015) The U.S. Supreme Court released their ruling in favor of Sec. Burwell in the recent federal lawsuit challenging the U.S. Treasury regulation. The Court validated the use of federal subsidies under the Affordable Care Act in states, like Kansas, that have a federal exchange. Therefore, the approximately 78,000 Kansans who are eligible to receive federal subsidies when purchasing insurance through the federal exchange may continue to do so. Access to health insurance allows Kansans to obtain preventative care and necessary treatment in a timely manner.

Today's decision is not expected to resolve all of the political concerns that remain related to the Affordable Care Act. Kansas hospitals remain committed to working with policymakers and the communities they serve to ensure access to quality health care is available across the state.

The Kansas Hospital Association is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the health improvement of their communities. KHA membership includes 214 member facilities, of which 127 are full-service community hospitals. Founded in 1910, KHA maintains its vision of "an organization of hospitals working together to improve access, quality and the affordability of health care for all Kansans."

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