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Amida Care Responds to Supreme Court Ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson

Decision overturns over five decades of precedent set by Roe v. Wade and strips away the right to abortion and reproductive health care

(NEW YORK, NY) – Amida Care, New York’s largest Medicaid managed care Special Needs Plan serving people impacted by HIV, has released the following statement from President and CEO Doug Wirth in response to the Supreme Court decision in Dobbs v. Jackson that overturns Roe v. Wade and strips away the right to abortion and a full spectrum of reproductive health care:

“The Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe v. Wade is horrifying and will have devastating consequences on the health and well-being of countless Americans. The decision in Dobbs v. Jackson represents one of the most damaging setbacks to human rights in our country’s history.”

“Thankfully, leaders in New York have codified laws protecting the right to an abortion in our state. We applaud Governor Kathy Hochul for signing a package of bills bolstering protections for both residents and out-of-state women seeking abortions. This nation-leading legislation protects the rights of individuals seeking abortions and gender-affirming care in New York, and empowers reproductive health care providers. While we are proud that New York is a national leader in human rights and access to health care and a safe haven for those seeking to access a full spectrum of reproductive health care, in at least 15 states across the country, this decision will trigger abortion bans. These archaic laws will undoubtedly hit low-income communities and communities of color the hardest.”

“The right to bodily autonomy is – and must remain – a fundamental right. The right to a full spectrum of sexual wellness and reproductive health care is also a fundamental right. These rights are at the very core of our mission and are essential to our efforts to end the HIV epidemic and advance gender equity. We will continue to support the right of women to have autonomy over their own bodies, and Amida Care will continue to stand with advocates from across the country to demand that these rights be protected.”
Amida Care Inc. is a not-for-profit health plan that specializes in providing comprehensive health coverage and coordinated care to New Yorkers with complex conditions, including HIV and behavioral health disorders, and people who are of transgender experience or homeless (regardless of HIV status). Amida Care has a wide network of health care providers throughout New York City and is the largest Medicaid Special Needs Health Plan (SNP) in New York State. For more information, visit www.amidacareny.org.

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