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Amida Care Condemns the Reprehensible Anti-PrEP Federal Ruling In Texas

(NEW YORK, NY) – Amida Care, New York’s largest Medicaid managed care Special Needs Plan serving people impacted by HIV, released the following statement following the ruling by a federal judge in Texas in *Braidwood Management vs Becerra*, which overturned the Affordable Care Act’s mandate requiring health insurance companies to cover PrEP, a critical and highly-effective HIV prevention medication:

“This ruling is yet another assault on fundamental bodily autonomy and health care rights of millions of Americans. The Affordable Care Act’s preventative services requirement and PrEP provision is not a moral or religious issue. PrEP is an essential medication, and denying access will set back the progress we have made to end the HIV epidemic.”

“Health insurance policies must be determined by evidence-based public health practices, not by prejudiced beliefs, stigma, and discrimination. No one should be discriminated against—especially in the case of private and personal health care decisions made for their well-being and the well-being of others.”

“Here in New York State, we have led the way in ending the HIV epidemic in the U.S. We cannot end the HIV epidemic without access to ARVs and PrEP to prevent new HIV infections. We We ~~w~~ill continue to advocate for increased PrEP uptake and break down barriers to HIV treatment and prevention.”

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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