



For Immediate Release

May 6, 2022

Shakira Croce (Amida Care), 917-565-4444, scroce@amidacareny.org

Amida Care Responds to Leaked Supreme Court Decision in Dobbs v. Jackson

Draft decision, reported by POLITICO, would overturn Roe v. Wade and strip 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 leaked draft Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson* that would overturn *Roe v. Wade*:

“The draft of the *Dobbs v. Jackson* opinion is dangerous and terrifying. This Supreme Court decision, overturning five decades of legal precedent established by *Roe v. Wade*, will have devastating consequences for the health of millions of Americans. If enacted, this decision would be one of the most damaging setbacks to human rights in the history of our country. Much like how the HIV epidemic has disproportionately impacted low-income communities and communities of color, the heaviest burden resulting from this decision will be borne by those already facing startling health disparities.”

“Even though the right to abortion will not be affected in New York State, one of several states that has its own reproductive health laws, the Supreme Court decision could trigger abortion bans and close down clinics in at least 15 states across the U.S., mainly harming those with low incomes who cannot afford access to health care or travel to get it. On Tuesday, New York State Senator Alessandra Biaggi introduced legislation to protect the rights of people who travel here for abortions, one of [several bills](#) that state legislators are creating to make New York a safe haven and a continued national leader in human rights and access to health.”

“The right to bodily autonomy is a fundamental right. The right to a full spectrum of sexual wellness and reproductive health care are fundamental rights. These are essential to our efforts to end the HIV epidemic. 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.