



Getting Ready for the Supreme Court Decision on the Affordable Care Act

The U.S. Supreme Court is due to announce its decision on Thursday on the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA).

DAY OF THE DECISION: THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2012

Join the Lisa Kernan Social Justice Fellows for a lively and timely discussion about two major events, and fresh opportunities to advance social justice in our communities.

12:30 - 1:30

Thoreau Center for Sustainability Brown Bag

Pacific Room, Tides Center, 1014 Lincoln Blvd., San Francisco Presidio

The Supreme Court Decision on the Affordable Care Act - Pooja Prasad EQUAL Health Network, The Court will rule on four issues: 1. The Anti-Injunction Act could delay any constitutional or legal claims on the ACA, as the tax measures at issue do not take effect until 2014. 2. Whether the federal government can mandate individuals to purchase health insurance. 3. Medicaid Expansion brings up questions of the federal government's power to require states to provide for their residents. 4. The lack of a severability clause raises the unlikely possibility that the whole law could be voided if the individual mandate is found to be unconstitutional.

We must continue to demand health care justice, whatever the Supreme Court decides. The ACA is not perfect. But it is offering important benefits for women's preventive health care, and it conveys the basic value that health and health care are universal human rights, regardless of socioeconomic status, gender or health status. Health care justice is inherently linked to other critical issues, including reproductive rights and social and economic justice. How can activists use this opportunity to advance health care reform, and strengthen social and economic justice in our communities?

U.S. Global Trade Talks: Tobacco Control and Social Change - Kirin Khan, Center for Policy Analysis on Trade and Health (CPATH). In July, nine Pacific Rim nations will come to San Diego to negotiate a mega-trade agreement, the Trans Pacific Partnership, and tobacco control is on the table. Community groups have organized successfully in the Bay Area to safeguard youth and communities of color from the deadly danger of tobacco. How can community advocates and organizers promote public health over the interests of Big Tobacco?

[Click here](#) to tell us you will attend the Brown Bag

THE DAY AFTER THE DECISION: FRIDAY JUNE 29

Noon - 1 p.m.

Rally and Media Event. San Francisco City Hall - EQUAL Health Network, Health Access & others:

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OTHER EVENTS: DAY OF THE DECISION: THURSDAY, JUNE 28

Visibility event on the steps of Supreme Court in Washington, DC 11 AM to 1230 PM (EDT).

SCOTUSblog - IS IT Today? Tune in to this live Bloomberg sponsored blog covering orders and opinions from the Supreme Court at 10 AM (EDT): <http://www.scotusblog.com/>

OTHER EVENTS: THE DAY AFTER THE DECISION: FRIDAY JUNE 29

"SCOTUS Speaks: What the Supreme Court's Health Care Decision Will Mean for Americans"
sponsored by Georgetown University Law Center and Health Affairs

WHEN: Friday, June 29, 2012, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. EDT

WHERE: Georgetown University Law Center, Hotung Building, Room 1000, 550 First Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20001

Webcast: <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/webcast/>

A Tweet Chat: "Now What? How the Health Care Law Supreme Court Decision will Impact Women, People of Color, LGBTQ Folks, and other Underserved Groups" on the day AFTER the Supreme Court rules on the health care law at 11:00 am – 12:30 pm PT/ 2:00 – 3:30 pm ET. Join the chat "live" by following #HealthJustice on Twitter

Conference Calls with...

National Women's Law Center - email reformmatters@nwlc.org to get details

Small Business Majority - focusing on The Future of Small Business & Healthcare - 11 a.m. - register at:
<http://www.eventbrite.com/event/3678909718>

LOOKING AHEAD

UHCAN's next national call for health care justice leaders on **Tuesday, July 10**, 12:55 - 2 pm (EDT) featuring diverse leaders addressing the post-ruling landscape for health care reform and jobs (as part of the Big Picture) in states and nationally:

Call-in: 213-416-6650

Access code: 2800520#

Also check out:

The Catholic Health Association video, [Health Reform: We Cannot Go Back](#)

[Know Your Care](#)

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