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Statement by AMCHP CEO Terrance E. Moore on the Supreme Court Ruling in Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. FDA

Washington, D.C. – Today, AMCHP's CEO, Terrance E. Moore, issued the following statement in response to the opinion by the Supreme Court of the United States in the case *Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. FDA*.

"While the Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP) is relieved that access to mifepristone was preserved by today's unanimous Supreme Court decision, we remain concerned that the door has been left open for further challenges to the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA's) approval of mifepristone more than 20 years ago. Currently, there are cases before lower court judges seeking to rescind or limit mifepristone's approval. These cases are primed to overcome the hurdles that prevented the Supreme Court from taking strong action today. Additionally, states continue to develop novel strategies intended to restrict access to medication abortion, including by listing both mifepristone and misoprostol as controlled substances, the same categorization as prescription opioids and amphetamines.

Over 63% of abortions are self-managed medication abortions. Availability and accessibility of abortion care are essential in ensuring women and pregnant people are able to make informed decisions about their reproductive well-being.

While today's ruling may only be a temporary victory for reproductive rights, justice, and healthcare, it underscores the importance of evidence-informed practice and ensuring healthcare professionals can continue to prescribe this essential medication. When women and birthing people are empowered to make informed decisions about their health and well-being, it will lead to positive healthcare outcomes and improve the health of our communities."

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