

The Children's Partnership [press release](#) on joining a "friend of the court" (amicus) brief filed by the National Health Law Program with the U.S. Supreme Court supporting the Medicaid expansion provisions in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). The Supreme Court agreed to hear oral arguments in late March 2012 about the constitutionality of the ACA's Medicaid expansion, along with other legal challenges.

The brief, signed by a total of 39 health care provider and consumer organizations representing the interests of low-income uninsured adults and children, asks the Court to dismiss the challenge to the provisions in the ACA that would expand Medicaid coverage to 16 million Americans with incomes up to 133% of the federal poverty level. Presenting the Court with data and a historical perspective on the Medicaid program, the brief argues that the ACA's Medicaid provisions build upon the well-accepted federal and state partnership structure of the Medicaid program.