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## AAAP Statement on Supreme Court Decision Dobbs Vs. Jackson Women's Health Organization

The American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry is concerned and disheartened by the U.S. Supreme Court's Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization ruling, which overturns the half century precedent of Roe v. Wade. The Dobbs ruling directly interferes with the patient-physician relationship and impedes a patient's right to evidence-based health services.

Women with substance use disorders will be disproportionately impacted by being at greater risk for miscarriage and unplanned pregnancy than the general population. At a time when our nation is struggling with a rising overdose rate and meeting the needs of patients with substance use disorders, the Supreme Court decision will exacerbate the crisis and increase the devastation to patients, families, and communities.

These punitive and discriminatory policies have major societal and mental health implications, especially for women of color, who have long suffered from systemic racism, as well as on low-income and rural populations who must overcome barriers to access healthcare. The ruling will result in evidence-based services being difficult or inaccessible to people based on where they live, putting unnecessary stress on those in need of services and impacting their health and wellbeing.

We urgently call on policymakers to consider the severe consequences of the ruling and act quickly to protect patients' health, safety, and right to access comprehensive reproductive healthcare services and abortion care.

Sincerely,



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AAAP President

