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## **NBCI Supports President Obama and Rollout of ACA** *Republican Governors Blocking Medicaid Expansion Should be Ashamed*

**Washington DC** - The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a coalition of 34,000 churches representing 15.7 million African American churchgoers, applauds President Obama and his Administration on the greatest legislation accomplishment in decades – the Affordable Care Act (ACA). This monumental law will provide quality and affordable health care access to millions of underserved in the African American community, and its implementation is long overdue.

The more than twenty states, mainly Republican-led, that are refusing to expand Medicaid or leaning in that direction are doing an extreme disservice to their citizens. Governors attempting to stop the implementation of the ACA by denying Medicaid expansion in their states are wrong, misguided, and placing more undue financial burdens on the backs of the poor and middle class citizens of their states.

Rev Anthony Evans, NBCI President, says “We are ashamed to see governors throughout our country refusing to expand Medicaid in their states as a part of the ACA – what we see as President Obama’s greatest accomplishment and indeed one of the greatest laws in American history. One of the most fundamental teachings of the church is to care and provide for the poor. As a party that proclaims Christianity is the center of their ideology, I am dumbfounded at these governors’ inactions. Every citizen in the United States has a God-given right to accessible and affordable health care. NBCI will do everything in its power to advocate for a decision reversal in these states, and will work tirelessly to make sure the mission of the ACA reaches each American.”

Taking advantage of all that the Affordable Care Act has is an offer that no state should refuse. In not expanding Medicaid, these governors will continue to harm the underserved populations of their states, and make what should be an inalienable right a privilege given to few. Health care for all was President Obama’s vision, and NBCI will do everything it can to make sure it does its part in making the law a reality.

## **About NBCI**

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the public. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the box and cutting edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at [www.naltblackchurch.com](http://www.naltblackchurch.com).