

## REPORT ON MEDIA PICKUP OF NSCLC STATEMENT ON THE SUPREME COURT DECISION ON DOMA – JUNE 2013

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3. **CNBC.COM** [Website](#) **TULSA, OK, MARKET RANK: 59**  
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**COLUMN-Gay marriage ruling boosts key retirement benefits**

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10. **YAHOO FINANCE** [Website](#) USA, MARKET RANK: N/A  
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13. **THE SACRAMENTO BEE** [Website](#) **SACRAMENTO-STOCKTON-MODESTO, CA, MARKET RANK: 20**  
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**COUPLES**, much will depend on how the Obama Administration, federal agencies and courts interpret and implement the decision. **SOCIAL SECURITY** and Medicare are the most important pillars of economic support for older Americans, and their spousal benefits are among the most valuable features. **SOCIAL SECURITY** alone keeps 21 million seniors out of poverty, according to U.S. Census data. The survivor and spousal benefits of these programs are a major feature, but under DOMA, they weren't available to married **SAME-SEX COUPLES**. **SOCIAL SECURITY'S** survivor rules permit widows or widowers to receive up to 100 percent of a deceased spouse's benefit or his/her own benefit, whichever is greater. And a spouse can receive up to half of a living spouse's benefit, if it's larger than his or her own. The rules even apply to divorced spouses in certain situations. Likewise, if a worker is eligible for **SOCIAL SECURITY** disability benefits, a spouse or divorced spouse may qualify for up to 50 percent of the disabled worker's benefit amount. The DOMA ruling also will open up valuable Medicare benefits to some married **SAME-SEX COUPLES**. Medicare eligibility is based on the number of quarters in which you have paid payroll taxes into the system. At age 65, anyone with a work history of at least 40 quarters can enroll for Medicare Part A (hospitalization) without paying a premium.

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Key DOMA Provision Ruled Unconstitutional by US Supreme Court

 **View** The American Society on Aging (ASA) applauds the United States Supreme Court decision ruling a key provision of the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) to be unconstitutional. The American Society on Aging is committed to supporting professionals across the nation in their goal to improve the quality of life for older adults. For this reason, ASA joined Services & Advocacy for LGBT Elders (SAGE), The **NATIONAL SENIOR CITIZENS LAW CENTER**, The National Hispanic Council on Aging, The Southeast Asia Resource Action Center, and the National Organization of **SOCIAL SECURITY** Claimants Representatives in filing amici briefs at both the 2nd Circuit Court and the in the U.S. Supreme Court in support of Edie Windsor's constitutional challenge to Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). Louis Colbert, Chair of ASA's Board of Directors and Vice President, Operations at Philadelphia Corporation for Aging said ASA welcomes the Supreme Court's decision today to strike down the federal Defense of Marriage Act. As an organization with a proud history advocating for the well-being of older Americans from every community, we are happy to have joined the plaintiffs in this case with an amici brief, and believe the ruling validates our position that equal protection under the law made the legislation untenable.

Older lesbian and gay couples were especially hard hit by DOMA, and their health, well-being and quality of life will now be vastly improved. Congratulations to Edie, a longtime SAGE hero, on breaking down another barrier to full equality for LGBT elders! Windsor's case highlighted the real harms that DOMA causes legally married older **SAME-SEX COUPLES**. LGBT elders are less financially secure than American elders as a whole, and this lack of financial security has serious impacts on their mental and physical health. Many LGBT elders, like many of their heterosexual peers, rely on federally provided benefits, programs and protections to help ease their financial burdens. Many of these federal benefits, from **SOCIAL SECURITY** to Medicare, are founded on the presumption of marriage, yet DOMA denied access to these benefits even to legally married **SAME-SEX COUPLES**. Paula Basta, MDiv, Regional Director, Northeast Levy Senior Center at the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services Senior Services, and Chair of ASA's LGBT Aging Issues Network (LAIN) Council says, We (ASA) are thrilled with the SCOTUS decision today that strikes down DOMA. It is a day to celebrate equality, love, and commitment and secures the equal treatment of two people who love each other from this day forward.

21. **DIGITALJOURNAL.COM** [Website](#) INTERNET, MARKET RANK: N/A  
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 **View** While the countrys nearly 2,000 CCRCs, as theyre called, may indeed deliver on this promise, nothings ever as simple as the glossy brochures make it appear. CCRCs are a pricey investment tied to a complex contractand the consequences of being underinformed or undereducated can be serious. People need to have their eyes wide open when they enter a continuing care arrangement with a big upfront payment, said [ERIC CARLSON](#), a directing attorney with the [NATIONAL SENIOR CITIZENS LAW CENTER](#), an advocacy group. Here are some questions to ask before you or a loved one commits to joining one: Is my entrance fee refundable? The average entrance fee for a CCRC is \$280,618, according to the National Investment Center for the Seniors Housing Care Industry, a nonprofit organization that facilitates investment in the senior housing and care sector.

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