

SENATOR REID: Fighting For Better Health Care

HEALTH CARE



Senator Reid has an established track record of fighting to ensure that all Nevadans receive quality, affordable health care coverage. Senator Reid led the Senate in passing landmark legislation to reform America's health care system. The Affordable Care Act is a fiscally responsible approach to improving our health care system, lowering costs for businesses and consumers, and providing coverage for uninsured Americans. The law is already working to ensure that millions of Americans have the safety and security of quality health insurance coverage that meets their needs and fits their budgets. It also puts a stop to abusive insurance company practices, prohibiting insurance companies from denying coverage or charging more to those with pre-existing conditions like diabetes, asthma, or cancer. At the same time, the law is closing the Medicare prescription drug coverage gap, known as the "donut hole," increasing benefits for seniors, and extending the solvency of the Medicare program.

Senator Reid has always made improving America's health care system a priority, from continuing to support funding to advance medical research to sponsoring legislation to dramatically improve women's access to health care. As Majority Leader, he has led efforts to stave off Medicare cuts that would have hurt both providers and patients. He has advanced legislation addressing the needs of those affected by disease and disability, working for those with ailments ranging from cancer to ALS. Senator Reid has also secured millions of dollars in federal grants and funding for Nevada's health care programs and services.

Highlights

- ★ Senator Reid led the effort to pass health reform legislation, which is helping to lower health insurance costs, create more choices, and improve the quality of health care for Nevada families.
- ★ Senator Reid consistently fights to ensure doctors who see Medicare patients are fairly compensated. He has long worked to ensure stable and fair compensation for Nevada providers to protect who serve Medicare patients. And he has led efforts each year to stave off additional cuts and continues to work for a comprehensive solution to physician payment in Medicare.
- ★ Senator Reid has supported funding for lifesaving medical research and legislation to help prevent, treat, and cure a wide range of illnesses, including cancer, diabetes, ALS, heart disease and HIV/AIDS. He has secured millions of dollars for Nevada's medical research institutes and medical facilities for construction, training, research and development, and other programs.
- ★ Senator Reid has led efforts to improve access to contraception and reduce the staggering rate of unintended pregnancies in our nation.
- ★ Senator Reid has fought to improve access to mental health services. He helped secure passage of mental health parity laws, and he has also championed efforts to increase funding to address youth suicide.

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