

## What Health Insurance Reform means for you

On March 21, 2010 I proudly cast my vote in favor of the Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act.

Despite my concerns with the bill, I voted for it. Why? Because a vote in favor of the bill means that 32 million more Americans will have access to health care coverage. A vote in favor means that 45,000 Americans won't lose their lives each year because they are too poor to have health insurance or because their illnesses are too expensive. A yes vote means that the Medicare program will continue to provide important benefits to our seniors. A vote in favor means reducing the deficit by \$143 billion over the next ten years, with \$1.2 trillion in additional deficit reduction in the following 10 years. And a vote for the bill means that we will take a giant leap forward in our quest to ensure that all Americans have access to health care that they can afford.

That's why I am proud of my vote in favor the Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act, a bill that will have immeasurable benefits for the American people for years to come.

Below please find many of the benefits of the legislation in New York's 8th Congressional District as well as links to additional important information about the law.

In the 8th Congressional District, the health care reform bill will:

- Improve coverage for 436,000 residents with health insurance.
- Give tax credits and other assistance to up to 172,000 families and 26,200 small businesses to help them afford coverage.
- Improve Medicare for 99,000 beneficiaries, including closing the donut hole.

- Extend coverage to 12,000 uninsured residents.
- Guarantee that 7,800 residents with pre-existing conditions can obtain coverage.
- Protect 400 families from bankruptcy due to unaffordable health care costs.
- Allow 53,000 young adults to obtain coverage on their parents' insurance plans.
- Provide millions of dollars in new funding for 56 community health centers.
- Reduce the cost of uncompensated care for hospitals and other health care providers by \$74 million annually.

### Important Links

My statement on the floor of the House of Representatives:

[http://nadler.house.gov/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=1421&Itemid=120](http://nadler.house.gov/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1421&Itemid=120)

Summary of the Bill:

<http://docs.house.gov/energycommerce/SUMMARY.pdf>

Improvements made with the Reconciliation Bill:

<http://docs.house.gov/energycommerce/KEYIMPROVEMENTS.pdf>

Implementation Timeline:

<http://docs.house.gov/energycommerce/TIMELINE.pdf>

What Provisions Will Take Effect Immediately:

[http://docs.house.gov/energycommerce/IMMEDIATE\\_PROVISIONS.pdf](http://docs.house.gov/energycommerce/IMMEDIATE_PROVISIONS.pdf)

How the plan will work:

<http://docs.house.gov/energycommerce/WHATHCRDOESFORYOU.pdf>

Guide for Seniors:

<http://docs.house.gov/energycommerce/SENIORS.pdf>

Benefits for Women:

<http://docs.house.gov/energycommerce/WOMEN.pdf>

Guide for Small Businesses:

[http://docs.house.gov/energycommerce/SMALL\\_BUSINESS\\_G.pdf](http://docs.house.gov/energycommerce/SMALL_BUSINESS_G.pdf)

Benefits for Young Adults:

[http://docs.house.gov/energycommerce/YOUNG\\_AMERICANS.pdf](http://docs.house.gov/energycommerce/YOUNG_AMERICANS.pdf)

Additional Information:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/health-care-meeting/proposal>

This analysis for the 8th District was provided by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and is based upon the following sources: the U.S. Census (data on insurance rates, small businesses, and young adult population); the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (data on Medicare and Part D enrollment); the Department of Health and Human Services (data on health care related bankruptcies, uncompensated care, and pre-existing conditions); the Health Resources and Services Administration (data on community health centers); and the Congressional Budget Office (estimates of the percentage of citizens with health insurance coverage under health care reform legislation).