

FIGHTING FOR WEST VIRGINIA: HEALTH CARE REFORM BILLS
INTRODUCED BY SENATOR JAY ROCKEFELLER IN THE 111TH CONGRESS

REDUCING THE COST OF COVERAGE

- **Consumers Health Care Act (S. 1278).** On June 17, 2009, Senator Rockefeller introduced the Consumers Health Care Act to provide consumers with an affordable public plan option in the health insurance exchange and to create America's Health Insurance Trust, a consumer-driven organization that will give Americans the tools they need to evaluate different health insurance policies.
- **Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) Reform Act (S. 1380).** On June 25, 2009, Senator Rockefeller introduced the MedPAC Reform Act to give the highly respected MedPAC real authority over Medicare reimbursement rates by moving MedPAC into the executive branch and away from the influence of special interests. This legislation would provide MedPAC with the authority and resources necessary to make and implement Medicare reimbursement policies based on the best evidence and driven by the right incentives.

IMPROVING COVERAGE

- **Pre-existing Condition Patient Protection Act (S. 623).** On March 17, 2009, Senator Rockefeller re-introduced the Pre-existing Condition Patient Protection Act to prohibit insurance companies from denying health care coverage to individuals with pre-existing health care conditions.
- **Annual and Lifetime Health Care Limit Elimination Act (S. 1149).** On May 21, 2009, Senator Rockefeller introduced the Annual and Lifetime Health Care Limit Elimination Act to prohibit insurers from imposing annual or lifetime limits as part of any individual or group health insurance policy.
- **Advance Planning and Compassionate Care Act (S. 1150).** On May 21, 2009, Senator Rockefeller introduced the Advance Planning and Compassionate Care Act which would provide the tools and resources necessary to drastically improve end-of-life care.
- **Informed Consumer Choices in Health Care Act (S. 1050).** On May 14, 2009, Senator Rockefeller introduced the Informed Consumer Choices in Health Care Act to help consumers obtain the information they need to make informed choices about health insurance coverage.

INCREASING COVERAGE

- **MediKids Health Insurance Act of 2009 (S. 958).** On May 1, 2009, Senator Rockefeller re-introduced the MediKids Health Insurance Act to provide health insurance for every child under 23 years of age in the United States by 2015, regardless of family income.
- **Medicare Early Access Act (S. 960).** On May 1, 2009, Senator Rockefeller re-introduced the Medicare Early Access Act to provide uninsured Americans between the ages of 55 and 64 the opportunity to buy into the Medicare program.

IMPROVING QUALITY

- **Health Information Technology Public Utility Act (S. 890).** On April 23, 2009, Senator Rockefeller introduced the Health Information Technology Public Utility Act, legislation based on the electronic health record (EHR) model used by West Virginia Medicaid in order to make affordable and dependable open source software available to safety-net providers .
- **National Health Care Quality Act (S. 966).** On May 4, 2009, Senator Rockefeller introduced the National Health Care Quality Act to create the coordinated infrastructure necessary to make health care quality a national priority.