## SENATOR REID: Fighting For Better Health Care

As Majority Leader, 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. 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.

## 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 fought to put a stop to abusive insurance company practices. As a result of the health reform law, insurance companies can no longer deny coverage or charge more to those with pre-existing conditions like diabetes, asthma, or cancer.
- ★ Senator Reid has worked to protect the Medicare program and ensure seniors have access to the preventive services and prescriptions they need to stay healthy. As a result, the Medicare prescription drug coverage gap, known as the "donut hole" is being phased out, and will be closed completely in 2020.
- ★ 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 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 payments 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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