

Heinrich Votes To Pass Historic Legislation For Affordable Health Care and Security For New Mexicans

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Today, U.S. Representative Martin Heinrich voted for H.R. 3962, the [Affordable Health Care for America Act](#). The bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 220 to 215, becoming the first chamber to **pass** such a significant expansion of health care since Congress passed Medicare in 1965.

“This was a truly historic vote. We are now as close as we have ever been to providing quality health care to all Americans and to reforming our broken health insurance system,” said Rep. Heinrich. “The Affordable Health Care for America Act represents a uniquely American solution to our nation’s health insurance crisis. The legislation will bring peace of mind to New Mexico’s working families, seniors, and small business owners by guaranteeing stability, lowering costs, improving quality, and providing a greater choice of plans.”

Rep. Heinrich was also instrumental in [securing language](#) to permanently reauthorize the Indian Health Care Improvement Act in final version of the bill.

In New Mexico’s first congressional district, the Affordable Health Care for America Act will:

- Improve employer-based coverage for 374,000 residents.
- Provide credits to help pay for coverage for up to 178,000 households.
- Improve Medicare for 98,000 beneficiaries, including closing the prescription drug donut hole for 10,600 seniors.
- Allow 16,900 small businesses to obtain affordable health care coverage and provide tax credits to help reduce health insurance costs for up to 14,700 small businesses.
- Provide coverage for 86,000 uninsured residents.
- Protect up to 900 families from bankruptcy due to unaffordable health care costs.
- Reduce the cost of uncompensated care for hospitals and health care providers by \$124 million.