

What does Health Care Reform mean for MONTANA'S CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS?

- *Increases number of insured patients and reduces bad debt so that your hospital is not left holding the bag*
- *Provides a 10% increase in Medicare reimbursement rates for primary care providers and general surgeons*
- *Adds \$1.5 billion in funding for the National Health Service Corps so that your hospital can recruit and retain quality providers*

SENATOR TESTER SUPPORTS YOU!

Critical Access Hospitals are the economic drivers and guardians of rural health. Senator Tester is doing his part to keep them strong:

- **Cosponsored the Rural Hospital and Provider Equity Act (R-HOPE)**
 - Extends the rural ground ambulance service payment increase
 - Eliminates the isolation test for the cost-based ambulance reimbursement
 - Reimburses for on-call services of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists
 - Permits physician assistants to order post-hospital extended care services or hospice care
- **Supported Appropriations Targeted to help rural facilities**
 - Workforce Development funding for Title VII (allied health)
 - Workforce Development funding for Title VIII (nursing)
 - Critical rural health programs:
 - National Health Service Corps
 - Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program
 - Office for Advancement of Tele-health
 - Area Health Education Centers
 - Health Professions Program to steer Graduate Medical Education dollars to rural teaching hospitals
- **Called on CMS to define a Rural Training Track for doctors**