

What does health care reform mean for **MONTANA'S VETERANS?**

Will I have to buy insurance if I'm on TRICARE or enrolled in the VA?

No. All current military and veterans' benefits (TRICARE and TRICARE for Life) satisfy all of the new health care coverage requirements. VA enrollment qualifies as coverage.

Does health care reform affect any of my existing benefits?

No. Military and veterans' benefits are completely protected.

What does health care reform mean for older veterans who need supplemental health care coverage?

- Medicare is now stronger, more effective, and will be around longer, which is why groups like the National Council on Aging and AARP support the law.
- Guaranteed Medicare benefits are completely protected. The law did not cut \$500 billion from Medicare.
- Closes the doughnut hole to make Medicare prescription drugs more affordable. Over 10,000 Montanans have already saved money on prescription drug costs. Seniors received a \$250 prescription rebate in 2010. These savings will continue to grow until the doughnut hole is closed completely in 2020.
- Pays for annual wellness visits. Over 115,000 Montana seniors have already benefited from free preventative care visits.

Fighting to ensure our troops and veterans receive the CARE they have earned

- Sen. Tester is pushing the VA to expand services to more Priority 8 veterans, aggressively and effectively recruit and train providers to serve in rural areas, and to increase its number of mental health professionals.
- Sen. Tester extended the travel reimbursement program for combat veterans seeking care at Veterans Centers.
- Sen. Tester opposes proposed increases in out-of-pocket TRICARE costs for service members, veterans and their families.
- Sen. Tester compelled the DOD to cover tests that allow doctors to tailor treatment options and care plans for cancer patients.