



## Senator Bingaman's July 15<sup>th</sup> Check-up

After examining Senator Bingaman's stance on Health Care Reform, we found:

- ✓ His support of a public health insurance option is a very healthy stance for our patients and all New Mexicans
- ✓ He is focused on controlling costs and making health care affordable for all New Mexicans
- ✓ He understands that reducing health care disparities and encouraging prevention are the keys to improving the quality of care.

Recommendations to maintain real health care reform:

- Recognize that reform will be meaningless if New Mexicans can't afford to purchase coverage or can't afford to get the care they need once they are covered – and that affordability is just as important as access
- Include a public health insurance plan to ensure that there is at least one option for Americans that is affordable and keeps private insurance honest
- Reform must work to reduce disparities in care based on race, geography and socio-economic status

We look forward to our next check up!

**-- New Mexico doctors, nurses & health care providers**

