

Q. What has Deval Patrick been doing?

A. Delivering

on the promise of
universal healthcare

for the people of Massachusetts!

Because of the successful implementation of health care reform, **97% of Massachusetts residents now have health care.** No other state comes close. Health care reform means that you or your neighbors don't have to worry about going into bankruptcy if you get sick. You or your family don't have to worry about having your insurance company turn you away because you were sick before you were insured.



Change is Happening. We have had two of the most productive legislative terms in Massachusetts history. Here are a number of health and social services initiatives of which we are most proud:

Giving more choices to people who can't live independently: In partnership with communities state wide, the Patrick-Murray administration developed a policy to increase choices for individuals who cannot live independently. Key parts of the plan include closing or downsizing institutions and developing new flexible community supports.

Managing the H1N1 influenza pandemic: Massachusetts is considered a national leader in managing the H1N1 pandemic. The Patrick-Murray administration earned praise for how it communicated with stakeholders and how quickly H1N1 vaccine was distributed.

Expanding benefits and services to veterans: Massachusetts is a national leader in providing benefits and services to returning veterans. However, in 2009, the Patrick-Murray administration expanded services even further. They provided additional "welcome home" bonuses, enabled electronic voting in Massachusetts elections for servicemen and women overseas, and included expanded public works hiring preferences to include service-disabled veterans.

Providing mental health care for the Commonwealth's veterans: The Department of Veterans' Services and the Department of Public Health collaborated to launch the SAVE program, which focuses on suicide prevention and treatment for mental illness among the Commonwealth's veterans. So far, the program has reached out to 7,000 veterans and their family members and has collaborated with a number of government, private, and non-profit veterans groups to help veterans get the help they need.

Created a green jobs training program for returning veterans: The Department of Veterans Services has partnered with the Veterans' Northeast Outreach Center in Haverhill to assist eligible veterans along the I-495 corridor learn new skills for the jobs of today and tomorrow.

Making Massachusetts a national leader in smoking cessation: The MassHealth/ Department of Public Health program provides smoking cessation benefits and counseling to individual members and has become one of the most successful smoking cessation programs in the country. In just one year, the program dramatically reduced hospitalizations for heart attacks, etc.

"Even in tough times, we cannot afford to abandon our commitment to affordable, accessible, high-quality health care for every man, woman, and child in the Commonwealth."

Governor Deval Patrick

Expanded job opportunities for people with disabilities: The Patrick-Murray administration has launched "Work Without Limits," a public-private partnership to improve job opportunities for people with disabilities across Massachusetts.

Improving public health statewide through the Mass in Motion program: Massachusetts is fighting obesity among adults and kids by helping people eat better and become more physically active in their homes, workplace and schools. Cities and towns are taking advantage of nearly \$750,000 in grants to create safe spaces to exercise or grow fresh vegetables and establish farmers' markets. Public health regulations also help bring more nutritious foods to communities and help parents understand how to fight obesity in their kids.

A more detailed list of accomplishments of the Patrick-Murray Administration and some great results can be found at www.devalpatrick.com/accomplishments.

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