



## HEALTH CARE FACTS

### Senator Hagan's Accomplishments for NC

In March 2010, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act became law ([PL 111-148](#)). This law makes historic reforms to our health care system. **Senator Hagan's accomplishments** in health care reform include:

- ✓ **Catalyst to Better Diabetes Care Act**
- ✓ **Medication Therapy Management Program**
- ✓ **Pathway for Generic Biologics**
- ✓ **Rural Physicians Pipeline Act**

#### **Catalyst to Better Diabetes Care Act**

Senator Hagan included the Catalyst to Better Diabetes Care Act to help diagnose and reduce the diabetes epidemic. This provision creates a national and state-by-state level Diabetes Report Card to track progress at beating the disease; requires the promotion of physician education on properly completing birth and death certificates, indicating the patient had diabetes; and requires the Department of Health and Human Services to collaborate with the Institute of Medicine to develop recommendations on appropriate levels of diabetes medical education.

#### **Medication Therapy Management Program (MTM)**

Senator Hagan included this program to help seniors better follow their medication regimens. These programs reduce waste in the health care system by allowing pharmacists to evaluate patients' current prescription drug regimens and educate them about their medications one-on-one. North Carolina's version of MTM, Checkmeds NC, saved an estimated \$10 million and helped more than 15,000 seniors during its first year.

#### **Pathway for Generic Biologics**

Senator Hagan worked with Republican Senators Mike Enzi (WY) and Orrin Hatch (UT) on an amendment that will create a regulatory pathway for generic biologics. This provision will make generic biologics (like insulin) more widely available, lowering costs for consumers, while providing data exclusivity protections to encourage continued innovation.

#### **Rural Physicians Pipeline Act**

Senator Hagan, working with Senator Mark Udall (CO), included the Rural Physicians Pipeline Act to address the shortage of primary care doctors in rural communities. The provision will help medical schools establish programs designed to increase the number of graduates who

practice in rural areas. It will give medical schools resources to recruit students from rural areas who have an interest in practicing medicine in their communities, and it provides for additional training in pediatrics, emergency medicine, obstetrics and behavioral health.