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## **Health Insurance Reform Bill Gets House Committee Approval**

Legislation Part of Governor Richardson's Health Care Reform Agenda

*Santa Fe, New Mexico* – The House Business and Industry Committee last night gave a “do pass” to one of Governor Richardson’s Health Care Reform bills that focuses on Insurance Reform.

**House Bill 111 as twice amended, Health Insurer Direct Services Reimbursement** - Requires a health insurer to spend at least 85 percent of the amount it collects in premiums for coverage across all health product lines over a three-year period.

HB 111, sponsored by Representative John Heaton, now heads to the House floor for approval.

The Governor’s package of 10 Health Care Reform bills focus on Electronic Medical Records, Consolidation of Public Coverage Programs, and Insurance Reform to increase access to coverage and quality health care for all New Mexicans.

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