

# **Patrick-Murray Administration Statement on the U.S. Census Bureau's Report: Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2007**

BOSTON - Tuesday, August 26, 2008 - The following is a statement from Joe Landolfi, spokesman for Governor Deval Patrick, on a report issued today by the U.S. Census Bureau showing significant progress in health reform in Massachusetts:

"Today's report is another indication of the tremendous success of health care reform. Survey after survey continues to demonstrate that more Massachusetts residents are enrolling in health insurance plans, giving them access to primary and preventative care and avoiding more costly treatment down the road. While each survey has its own unique methods and challenges, we are particularly encouraged to see that the U.S. Census Bureau has found that Massachusetts now has the lowest rate of uninsured residents in the nation. Working together with our partners in health reform, we will continue towards our goal of ensuring that all Massachusetts residents have quality, affordable health insurance."

To read the full report, go to <http://www.census.gov/prod/2008pubs/p60-235.pdf>