



**Bernard C. “Jack” Young**  
**President,**  
**Baltimore City Council**

---

400 City Hall·Baltimore Maryland 21202  
410-396-4804 · Fax: 410-539-0647

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Monday, March 22, 2010

**CONTACT**  
Dennis Edwards  
(443) 474-3093 **office**  
(410) 396-5538 **mobile**

## **City Council President Applauds Passage of Landmark Health Care Legislation**

*Bill would provide coverage to 63,000 Baltimore City residents, while reducing drain on emergency medical services.*

**BALTIMORE, MD (March 22, 2010)** – The passage yesterday of sweeping health care legislation by House Democrats will provide affordable coverage to 63,000 Baltimore City residents. Council President Bernard C. “Jack” Young called the vote “historic.”

“I congratulate President Barack Obama and the Democratic leadership on their tireless effort to bring health care to all Americans and make this a reality.”

Baltimore City health officials are currently calculating the specific impact this legislation will have on health care costs currently provided by the City of Baltimore.

One example of real change that is anticipated to come out of this bill is a reduction in the number of non-emergency, health-related 911 calls. City residents will be able to receive preventative health care instead of being forced to visit emergency rooms. This will free up our emergency services workers to be able to respond to life-threatening emergencies.