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## INCREASING ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

Increased access, more choice, lower costs...win, win, win. I worked very hard on the new law to allow Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) with at least 3-years' experience, to practice independently. APRNs are trained and qualified to treat patients. Lifting the stifling oversight requirement will allow APRNs to practice to the full extent of their rigorous education and increase health care access for patients – especially for residents in areas underserved by primary care doctors. With the success in the state of the Affordable Care Act over 200,000 newly-insured residents will require access to a primary-care health care provider.



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## SAVING LIVES - STOPPING HEROIN OD'S

We are in the midst of a public health crisis: Heroin and opioid drug overdoses are claiming lives every day. A new law extends “Good Samaritan” protections to people who administer an opioid antagonist drug (such as Narcan) to someone experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose. Narcan will save lives and we want to protect people who act to save their loved ones.

## ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA

Building off of last year's Alzheimer's and dementia study, we establish mandatory Alzheimer's training for EMT's, probate judges, paid conservators, protective service employees, nursing home staff, home health agencies, and assisted living agencies. Nursing home administrators will have continuing education to make sure they have the latest information on Alzheimer's and dementia related topics.



Rep. Conroy with the  
Commission on Aging's Julia Evans Starr

## MENTAL HEALTH

We made changes to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Service to increase the agency's ability to share information with the courts in substance use diversion programs and between publicly and privately funded programs to improve continuity of care. This new law will also permit individuals receiving services to do so outside the designated mental health region where they live, thus encouraging clients to stay in treatment.

