

## 7/19/2007 - Sires Secures Funding For Bayonne Medical Center

Electronic medical records will insure swift and proper treatment

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(Washington, D.C.) - Congressman Albio Sires voted today for the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill, which included \$300,000 for Bayonne Medical Center. The funding will be used to implement an electronic medical records system that will streamline treatment and ensure records are protected from deterioration.

"The medical community lags behind when it comes to implementing technology that facilitates information sharing," said Sires. "An electronic medical records system should become a standard tool in hospitals and medical practices. It saves time, maximizes storage space, and eliminates the issue of deteriorated files."

Electronic medical records allow practicing physicians, pharmacies and hospitals to share information necessary for timely, patient care. Information sharing has the potential to expedite treatment locally and across the country.

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