

## Residents Question Begich on Health Care Reform

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Alaska junior Senator Mark Begich held a two-way video conference on health care reform issues with the people of Kodiak Monday afternoon, live from Washington, D.C.

After a brief opening presentation, the Senator took questions from the audience.

Several others also asked questions of Senator Begich, and we have posted the audio of the entire 50-minute town hall meeting here on [KMXT.org](http://KMXT.org).

Marita Kaplan asked why health care is not considered a basic human right:

-- (Begich 1:09 "First of all we should ... also unacceptable.")

Joe Floyd, Mary Jacobs and Mimi Rosen all asked variations on the question of a public option for health care insurance:

-- (Begich 3 2:07 "I  
just really feel strongly ... spiral down in the costs.")

Mike Rostad  
says some fear the public option:

-- (Begich 3 1:55 "I  
feel everyone here ... the markets they're working in.")