

Health care thrusts Sandoval into national spotlight

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CARSON CITY — Brian Sandoval is having a good year.

Nevada's Republican governor has seen his national profile grow in prominence, highlighted by his role influencing Sen. Dean Heller on the health care debate, and his new role as chairman of the National Governors Association.

Last month, Sandoval became part of the national conversation on health care when Heller, a Republican, declared he would not support a bill to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act.

The announcement showed how influential Sandoval can be on a fellow Republican and propelled Nevada's chief executive onto a bigger stage.

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