

Health Facilities Committee Agenda

May 13, 2026

9:00 am - 11:00 am

Multi-Agency State Office Building, Room 1045

195 N 1950 W, Salt Lake City, UT 84116

Public Virtual Attendance: <https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/88588314941>

Agenda

1. Welcome

- a. Intro Script (Jared Brown)
- b. Call for attendance (Chair)

2. Approval of February Meeting Minutes (Vice Chair)

3. Annual Open and Public Meetings Law Overview (Brittany Huff, Section Director, Assistant Attorney General)

4. New Business (Chair and Jared Brown)

- a. Review of 2026 Legislative Session Session and Statute Updates Impacting Health Facilities (Jared Brown)
 - i. [HB 472](#) - Division of Licensing and Background Check Amendments
 - 1. H.B. 472 makes technical and conforming changes, renumbers 26B-2-103, 26B-2-104, and clarifies the definition of an individual that is associated with a licensee.
 - 2. Additionally, H.B. 472 requires critical incident reporting across Human Services, Health Facilities and Child Care programs, even though some specifics differ.
 - a. Will require rule update
 - ii. [SB 174](#) - Exercise of Religious Beliefs and Conscience Amendments

1. This legislation allows healthcare providers to provide services that violate their religious beliefs of conscience, provided they publicly post a statement of services not offered. It requires DHHS to manage information regarding these providers and outlines the investigation process for related complaints.
 - a. Will require rule update
- iii. [HB 21](#) - Senior Care Facility Amendments
 1. This bill establishes protocols for the sale or closure of assisted living facilities to ensure the orderly transition and protection of residents. It requires 120 day notice for closures and grants the state power to appoint a receiver to oversee facilities failing to comply with safety requirements.
 - a. Will require rule update
- iv. [HB 380](#) - Hospital Workplace Violence Reporting Requirements
 1. This bill mandates that all hospitals establish a standard system for tracking and reporting incidents of workplace violence. Hospitals are required to submit annual, confidential reports to DHHS summarizing the data. DHHS is also granted rulemaking authority to ensure consistent data collection across all facilities.
 - a. Will require rule update
- v. [HB 417](#) - Patient Interfacility Transportation Requirements
 1. This bill requires hospitals and clinics to allow patients to use "non-medical transportation"—such as a personal vehicle, a family member's car, or public transit—instead of an ambulance when transferring to another facility. Patients must be medically and mentally stable, will not require medical care during the trip, and are not under a court-ordered involuntary commitment.
 2. Other provisions of the bill include:
 - a. Limits for the transfer times between facilities is between 2 and 4 hours, based on the county classes.
 - b. Receiving facilities cannot charge extra admission or give away a reserved bed if a patient arrives within that time frame.
 - c. Hospitals must provide patients with a written notice that an ambulance may not be medically necessary and insurance might not cover the cost if

they choose one.

- d. The original healthcare providers are protected from lawsuits related to a patient's choice of transport if a patient was stable at time of discharge.

vi. [HB 559](#) - Pregnancy and Infant Loss Amendments

- 1. Requires DLBC, in consultation with the Office of Maternal Health, to create standards for birthing facilities to make sure parents grieving the loss of a pregnancy or infant are treated with "dignity and compassion." Facilities must comply with these bereavement standards to maintain their license. Additionally, it directs the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL) and DHHS to develop an optional continuing education training program for healthcare providers on best practices for supporting families through such losses.
 - a. Will require rule update

vii. [HB 343](#) - Nursing Care Facility Program Amendments

- 1. Amends a permitted extension of the time period for certifying a nursing care facility program that was previously Medicaid certified under certain circumstances; and provides that a previously-approved two-year extension may be extended to four years under certain circumstances.

viii. [HB 51](#) - Adoption Amendments

- 1. Reforms adoption and child-placing agency operations in Utah. Starting January 1, 2027, all private adoption agencies must be licensed nonprofit organizations. The bill also:
 - a. Creates the Utah Child-Placing Adoption Agency Consortium to oversee practices.
 - b. Establishes new definitions for "coercion" and "living expenses" to prevent birth parents from being pressured or unfairly compensated.
 - c. Clarifies that a birth parent can revoke their consent to adoption within 72 hours of birth or if the consent was obtained through fraud or duress.
 - d. All advertisements must disclose the state in which an agency is licensed.
 - e. Prohibits agencies from promising financial incentives to potential birth parents.

- f. Limits living expenses for a birth parent covered by an agency to ordinary and necessary costs like housing and utilities.
 - g. Requires detailed reporting of all fees and expenses.
 - h. Sets legal standards for the transportation of birth mothers into Utah from other states to ensure that travel is not used to bypass the adoption laws of other jurisdictions.
- ix. [HB 259](#) - Parental Access to Children's Medical Record
 - 1. Amendments and proactively assess your facility's or program's current practices in relation to these new requirements, this bill:
 - a. defines terms;
 - b. specifies that a parent has the right to access their child's medical record;
 - c. requires a health care facility to ensure that a child's parent has access to the child's electronic health record unless certain circumstances are met;
 - d. requires an electronic medical record system vendor to ensure a health care facility can provide access to parents;
 - e. authorizes the attorney general's office to bring enforcement actions; and
 - f. requires a health care facility to provide medical records free of charge under certain circumstances.
 - g. Note: Some changes in this bill will not take effect until December 31, 2027.

5. Other Business (Chair)

- a. Rule R432-4 General Construction Update (Kamille Sheikh)
- b. Open board seats: (Jared Brown)
 - i. Hospital Administrator Representative
 - ii. one representative from either a home health care provider or a hospice provider.
 - iii. one physician, licensed to practice medicine
 - iv. Rep. of freestanding ambulatory surgical facilities
- c. Anyone interested in joining the HFC can apply for one of these positions at boards.utah.gov

6. Public Comment (Chair)

7. Adjourn (Chair)

Next Committee Meeting:
Wednesday, September 9, 2026
9:00am - 11:00 am

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