



## 2015 Legislative Session

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### Key Legislative Issues

- Medicaid Expansion/Healthy Utah
- Education Funding
- Prison Relocation
- Transportation Tax




### Healthy Utah - Timeline

June 2012: U.S. Supreme Court rules on the Affordable Care Act

November 2012: UDOH contracts with a firm to begin exploring costs of various expansion scenarios

April 2013: Medicaid Expansion Options Community Workgroup formed to explore expansion scenarios

September 2013: Workgroup presents options to Gov. Herbert

Fall 2013: Legislature's Health Reform Task Force adopts its own principles concerning expansion



### Healthy Utah - Timeline

February 2014: Gov. Herbert publically unveils the Healthy Utah plan

April – October 2014: Governor's Office and UDOH negotiate the specifics of the Healthy Utah plan with the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, and with CMS to obtain preliminary approval of plan

December 2014: Gov. Herbert releases detailed Healthy Utah plan. Weeks later, Health Reform Task Force rejects the plan in favor of a new plan to cover only the medically frail



### Healthy Utah

133% \$15,521/yr

32,000 ADULTS

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FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL

100% \$11,670/yr

63,000 ADULTS

58% are under age 35  
56% have a job or are self-employed  
52% are women



Respect the Taxpayer

Recovers some taxes Utahns are already paying



Promote Individual Responsibility

Premiums, copays, work effort benefit



Support Private Markets

Employer-sponsored plans, private plans through Avenue H



Maximize Flexibility

Kids can join parents' plans, pilot program



### Healthy Utah

- Healthy Utah dominates much of the discussion for the first several weeks of the session.
  - Negotiations focus on how to fund the program and how long to operate it
- Sen. Brian Shiozawa introduces SB 164 – Access to Health Care Amendments
  - 2-year pilot costing \$25 million
  - Covers 95,000 people in year one, 126,000 in year two
  - Provides full benefits through private plans
- Senate passes bill 21-8

### Healthy Utah



- Despite overwhelming support in the Senate, House declares Healthy Utah DOA
- Bill is held for one week, before dying in the House Business and Labor Committee on a 4-9-1 vote
- That same night, the "Utah Cares" proposal is unveiled and passes through the Committee on a 9-4 vote
  - Covers fewer people, 42,000 the first year and 57,000 the second
  - Costs more, \$77 million over two years
  - Some recipients get Medicaid, others get PCN
- House passes bill 56-18-1




### Healthy Utah – Looking Ahead



So, where do we go from here?

Possible "Healthy Utah Cares" compromise?

Senate & House leadership, bill sponsors, Governor's Office to form special committee to continue exploring options

Committed to calling a special session this summer, possibly in August, to pass a final bill



### Other Legislation



**HB 145, Regulation of E-cigarettes (Rep. Ray)**  
Requires e-cigarette retailers to be licensed, imposes penalties for selling to minors, enacts packaging and labeling restrictions.

**HB 79, Safety Belt Law Amendments (Rep. Perry)**  
Enacts a primary seat belt law for all drivers and passengers, focuses on education over legal penalties

**SB 12, Child Care Amendments (Sen. Christensen)**  
Imposes some regulations on unlicensed child care providers, including background screening of employees, complaint investigations, notification to clients of unlicensed status

### Other Legislation



**HB 191, Utah EMS System Act (Rep. Ray)**  
Provides for on-going background screening of EMS providers.

**HB 242, State & Local Gov't Employee Policies (Rep. Miller)**  
Supports breastfeeding moms who work for state and local government agencies. Requires employers to provide breaks in private rooms for breastfeeding, prohibits discriminating against breastfeeding employees.

**SB 19, Digital Health Services Commission (Sen. Shiozawa)**  
Reauthorizes the Digital Health Services Commission for another 10 years.

### Other Legislation



**HB 18, CHAP Amendments (Rep. Edwards)**  
Converts the Children's Hearing Aid Pilot Program to a permanent program.

**HB 104, Cow Share Amendments (Rep. Roberts)**  
Removes prohibitions on owning, operating, or participating in a cow-share program, clarifies that milk products from a cow-share program are not subject to the Utah Dairy Act.

**HB 175, Alzheimer's State Plan Amendments (Rep. Ray)**  
Designates Alzheimer's disease as a public health issue, provides funding to the UDOH to implement the first section of the state's Alzheimer's plan.

### Salary/Benefits Information



**Salaries**  
Funded a 2.25% general salary increase. GOMB determining how to implement. Also funded an increase for agency "hot spots" and market comparability.

**Insurance**  
Funded a 4.9% increase in insurance benefits. Maintains the 80/20 split, but the employee premium may rise. Will need to wait for further information from PEHP.

Employees will also receive a one-time PEHP rebate, \$93 before taxes.

**Supplemental Savings Plan**  
State will continue to contribute \$26 per pay period to employees who participate in a 401k, 457b, or IRA program.

**Looking Ahead**



**Medical Marijuana**  
A bill that would have legalized some forms of medical marijuana failed by one vote to pass the Senate.



**Death with Dignity**  
A House committee failed to advance a death with dignity bill that would have allowed people suffering from certain terminal medical conditions to receive a lethal dose of medication.

**Interim Study Items**

- Impact of Crowd-out
- Impact of Medicaid Expansion on employer plans
- Intergenerational Poverty
- Medicaid PDL Expansion
- Midwifery Consent Forms
- Telehealth/Telemedicine
- Air Quality
- E-cigarette taxes

**Budget Items**



**\$220,000 on-going, Baby Watch/Early Intervention**  
Covers caseload growth

**\$142,900 one-time, Health Facility Licensing & Certification Staff**  
Funding will add staff and increase frequency of surveys

**\$500,000 one-time, Rx Drug Misuse, Abuse, & Overdose Prevention**  
Support efforts to reduce Utah's prescription drug overdose death rate

**\$2 million on-going, Nursing Home Rates**  
Increases Medicaid nursing home reimbursement rates

**\$3.5 million one-time, MMIS Replacement**  
Continued funding to replace Medicaid's information system

**Budget Items**



**\$366,000 on-going, Technology Dependent Waiver**  
Enroll 10 additional clients in the Tech Dependent Waiver program

**\$58,000 on-going, 24/7 Body Pick-up from OME**  
Funding to allow funeral homes to pick-up bodies from the OME 24/7

**\$300,000 one-time, Parkinson's Disease Registry**  
Creation of a new Parkinson's registry

**\$25,000 one-time, LHD Emergency Funds**  
Increases funding available to LHDs during a public health emergency

**\$25,000 one-time, Radon Awareness**  
Continuation of radon awareness effort that started last year



**Questions?**