Utah Decides Healthcare Act of 2018

Ballot Initiative
While politicians in Washington fight over health care, this initiative lets the people of Utah decide what is best for OUR state.

This initiative protects our state’s most vulnerable citizens—seniors in nursing homes, mothers and hardworking families struggling to put food on the table—and ensures they have healthcare coverage.
32 States have Expanded Access to Healthcare

Map Courtesy of Advisory Board: https://www.advisory.com/daily-briefing/resources/primers/medicaidmap
Utah’s uninsured rate has fallen since 2010, but it’s still twice as high for Utahns living under 138% of the Federal Poverty Level.
Who Would Gain Coverage Under Utah Decides Healthcare Act of 2018?

Currently in Utah, only extremely low-income parents, people with disabilities, people over age 65, children, and pregnant women qualify for Medicaid.

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<th>Family of Four Annual/Monthly Income</th>
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Who Would Gain Coverage Under Utah Decides Healthcare Act of 2018?

- Over 100,000 Utahns
- Eligibility for single adults earning less than $16,642 per year
- Eligibility for a family of four earning less than $33,900 per year

The Hunters have thought plenty about trying to cut out the $100 they spend on cellphone service every month. Yes, they said, it’s a lot, especially when they don’t have health insurance and they stretch the last dollars from their $1,800 monthly income to buy diapers and gasoline.”

“No Health Insurance Is Hard. No Phone? Unthinkable.”
By Jack Healy
New York Times - March 11, 2017

In UT’s Coverage Gap
The Hunters
Springville, UT
Family of 5
73% of Poverty
Other States have Seen Success

**GOOD FOR BUSINESS**
Colorado found that 31,074 additional jobs are supported due to expansion

**GOOD FOR PREMIUMS**
Marketplace insurance premiums are about 7% lower in expansion states

**GOOD FOR PUBLIC SAFETY**
Washington saw 21-33% lower re-arrest rate and correction agencies saved an estimated $5k-$10k for each person treated

**GOOD FOR HEALTHCARE CONSUMERS**
Expanding Medicaid cut every dollar a hospital spent on uncompensated care by 41 cents resulting in $6.2 billion reduction in uncompensated care across expansion states

Polling in Utah Shows Consistent Support

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<td>76% of Utahns</td>
<td>Support some form of Medicaid expansion</td>
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<td>44% of Utahns</td>
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<td>70% of Utahns</td>
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<td>51% of Utahns</td>
<td>Believe Medicaid should have been expanded to include everyone under 138% federal poverty level</td>
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<td>June 2017</td>
<td>60% of Utahns</td>
<td>Support Medicaid expansion to everyone under 138% federal poverty level even with a modest increase in state sales tax</td>
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<td>October 2017</td>
<td>62% of Utahns</td>
<td>Support an initiative petition to put full Medicaid on state’s November 2018 ballot</td>
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How Does Utah Cover the Cost of Coverage

- **4.7% to 4.85%**
  - Modest Increase to State Sales Tax Rate on all Non-Food Items

- **$91 Million**
  - New Revenue Generated by Sales Tax

- **$804 Million**
  - Taxpayers Dollars Returned to Our State

- **$9 to $1 Ratio**
  - $9 Returned to Our State for every $1 Spent
Protecting Utah’s Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Provisions

**Eligibility**
- Eligibility for Medicaid and CHIP can’t become more restrictive
- Can’t put enrollment caps on Medicaid and CHIP
- Medicaid will be expanded to include all eligible Utahns earning less than 138% federal poverty level

**Care and Services**
- Requires care, services, and types of benefits currently offered in Medicaid and CHIP won’t become more restrictive than what’s currently offered

**Out-of-Pocket Costs**
- Requires that premiums, beneficiary enrollment fees, and out-of-pocket costs for Medicaid and CHIP won’t become greater than current standards

**Provider Payments**
- Requires that payment rates to Medicaid and CHIP providers for covered care and services won’t drop below the rates they’re currently being paid
- Requires that Accountable Care Organizations (ACO) who contract with the state to provide care to Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries may not decrease their payments to providers below the rate at least one ACO paid this year, and that payments by the state to ACOs will be enough for the ACOs to meet this requirement
Real Utahns would Benefit

**Nicky Stauffer-Hooper, UT**
- 36-year old mother of two
- Needs radiation treatment following breast cancer surgery last March
- Can’t find a clinic, agency, or hospital that will help her secure her medical care.
- Her husband is a self-employed plumber and they earn too much money to qualify for Medicaid, but not enough money to qualify for help on healthcare.gov

**Grant Burningham-Bountiful, UT**
- In coverage gap after participating in a medical clinical trial to assist his sister with needed medical procedures
- This procedure created complicated health problems for him and large medical bills
- Worked as a Real Estate agent but did not earn enough money to qualify for healthcare.gov
- Since his two children are over age 18 he cannot qualify for Medicaid in Utah

**Karina Andelin Brown-Logan, UT**
- Her mother died of a stroke in 2013
- Didn’t qualify for Medicaid or Marketplace
- Was a few months away from qualifying for Medicare
Timeline and Next Steps

Need 113,143 signatures of registered voters

Signatures collected by April 15th, 2018

Must meet signature thresholds in 26 of 29 senate districts

Utah Decides Healthcare Act will be on November 2018 Ballot

When passed, 100,000 low-income Utahns will gain access to healthcare coverage starting early 2019
Questions? Comments?

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