Five Ways to View A Decision

Last Friday Utah and the federal government agreed on a split model to separate the insurance exchanges created by the Affordable Care Act. Here are five reasons why this decision matters—or doesn’t—will rescue Avenue H—messes everything up—or won’t last the year.

Read more here.

Medicaid Team Gets to Work

Grab your calendar to write down all Medicaid expansion events this month—from workgroup and U4ME meetings to

Best Articles We’ve Read This Month

Here are the best and brightest health reform articles we’ve read since the last newsletter. It’s as

Executive Appropriations Committee

(Legislative Leadership)
Tuesday, May 14, 1:00 PM
Location: Room 445 State Capitol (map)

Agenda
Senator Lyle Hillyard, Senate Chair
Representative Mel Brown, House Chair

(Calendar Link)
Agenda Hot Spots: 5-Year Budget Projections, in-depth
special events you won’t want to miss.

Read more here

Dear Navigator:

My worthless brother-in-law says that health insurance is for sissies. Am I a sissy for wanting health insurance through Obamacare? Or is my brother-in-law as useless as my mom says he is? Read the answer here

Medicaid Expansion Power Players

UHPP hosts two forums in May with nationally-recognized experts. The goal: To raise Utah’s Medicaid Expansion discussion to a higher level.

Read more here

Measuring Quality in Utah

simple as Point, Click, and Learn.

Read more here

budget review

Why this committee is important: Since Medicaid takes up such a significant portion of the state budget pie, any in-depth look at the budget and priority setting could significantly impact our ability to pay for or sustain worthy Medicaid investments.

Health and Human Services Interim Committee

Wednesday, May 15, 9:00 AM
Location: Room 20 House Bldg (map)

Agenda

Agenda Hot Spots:
Community Health Worker Concept for Legislation,
Long-Term Care Insurance

Health System Reform Task Force

(First meeting of interim session)
Thursday, May 16, 9:00 AM
Location: 30 House Building (map)

Agenda

Senator Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair
Representative James A. Dunnigan, House Chair

(Calendar Link)
**Medicaid**

Utah’s Department of Health moves ahead with stakeholder process to identify 25 ways to measure quality-of-care—and the next steps to make them stick.

Read more [here](#)

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**May 23rd**

What’s better than a ton of chocolate? A ton of chocolate FOR people who support UHPP!

Purchased tickets for our spring fundraiser on Thursday, May 23rd

Get a FREE promotional code [here](#)

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**Documents Approving Utah Exchanges**

It took three months of negotiations—but Utah finally achieved its goal of operating Avenue H as the state’s ACA-compliant small business exchange. Read [Gov. Herbert’s May 9th letter to HHS](#), plus the official federal response to the plan.

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**No Wrong Doors for Enrollment**

To make the enrollment process as simple and streamlined as possible for both navigators and consumers, UHPP is developing a shared database that connects all the dots and minimizes duplication.

Read more [here](#)

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**Agenda Hot Spots: Overview of Utah and Federal Health Reform, ACA Implementation.**

**Real Exchange Utah (RxUtah)**

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2013  
Time: 12:45pm-2:15pm  
Location: United Way of Salt Lake (257 East 200 South, Suite #300)  
- Update on Utah exchange decision  
- Interactive workshop on ACA outreach and training (all are invited)

**ACA Outreach & Presentation Training**

At the next RXUtah meeting  
Date: Thursday, May 16, 2013  
Time: 12:45pm-2:15pm  
Location: United Way of Salt Lake (257 East 200 South, Suite #300)  
- Interactive workshop on ACA outreach and training

**Medicaid Expansion Community Workgroup**

Date: Thursday May 23, 2013  
Time: 1:30pm-3:30pm  
Location: Capitol Board Room (2nd floor), Utah State Capitol [map](#)
Note: The Medicaid expansion study may be unveiled at this meeting—if it is ready (fingers-crossed)

Read about more May and June events [here](#)