Failed Launch or Slow Start?

If we apply the five stages of grief to the fizzled launch of healthcare.gov, most of us are stuck at stage three: “Bargaining.”

-If I create a new login will it work?
  Nope.

-How about applying for coverage at 2am?
  No, that’s when the website is overhauled.

-What if I refresh my computer screen 500 times?
  Nada. And now you’ve got a repetitive stress injury. Good thing pre-existing conditions don’t matter after January 1st.

Two weeks after the debut of the Affordable Care Act’s marketplaces—including healthcare.gov here in Utah—the promise of reform has been temporarily replaced by an error message.

But it will get fixed.

Read more here:
No Time to Sit Still

Bountiful physician Ray Ward brings his personal focus to Utah’s Medicaid expansion decision. Read more here.

This Website Works

Takecareutah.org connects Utahns to their nearest enrollment assistance. Go there now.

Dear Navigator:

How is the new marketplace insurance better than what I have now? Sincerely, Unconvinced Read the answer here.

In Case You Missed It

Stay current on the latest state and national health care news with our monthly summary. Read more here.

Paraphernalia; Federal Government Shutdown

Executive Appropriations Committee
Tuesday, October 15
Time: 1pm – 2pm
Location: Room 445 State Capitol (map)
Agenda (Calendar Link)
Agenda Hot Spots: Medicaid Inspector General Report

Health System Reform Task Force
Thursday, October 17
Time: 9:00am – 11:30am
Location: 30 House Building (map)
Agenda
Senator Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair
Representative James A. Dunnigan, House Chair (Calendar Link)
Agenda Hot Spots:
Overview of Utah marketplaces launch on October 1st; Update from federal marketplace navigators (Randal Serr, UHPP); discussion of state-controlled risk adjustment; recap of Governor’s health summit; federal regulations update

Avenue H and Insurance
Fall Conference - Dec 5th

NEW DATE: 65 Days after launch, UHPP will assemble experts to review the ACA's initial results.
Get the details here

Town Hall Replay

Last Wednesday the Salt Lake Tribune and KCPW hosted a live town hall on health reform.
Listen to it here

UHPP by the Numbers

This fall we need one more number. Your support...
Give to UHPP here

Live PC/Give PC

On November 8, support UHPP during a day of online giving in your community.
Find out more here

Market Team

Thursday, October 17
Time: 12pm
Location: Room 30 of the House Building (map)
Avenue H Dashboard
(September enrollment figures)
RFP for Avenue H navigators released on October 8 – read more here
Note: The RFP period closes on October 23, 2013.

UPCOMING UTAH EVENTS

{{NEW DATE}}
UHPP Fall Conference
We Have Liftoff! Real-Time Data from the Launch of Obamacare
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2013
Time: 8:30am - 4pm
Location: Red Lion Hotel (161 W 600 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84101)
Register here
Questions? Call 801-433-2299, or email Carmina

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