**Summary**

The State Primary Care Grants Program ($437,500 of the $1.2 million total allocation) has fallen off the backfill list! The purpose of the SPCGP is to increase the number of individuals with access to appropriate, high quality, and cost-effective primary health care. Given the role that SPCGP plays in keeping uninsured individuals out of the emergency room, $437,500 is a worthy investment that is consistent with state health reform goals.

**Cost-Effective Care for Utah’s Uninsured**

Here’s a break-down on the types of services by category and the amounts associated with each:

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Examples of covered services include:

- Primary Medical Care Services such as
  - well baby and well adult care
  - diagnostic laboratory services
  - diagnostic tests/screenings
  - immunizations.
- Obstetric and Gynecologic Care.
- Limited Dental Services
- Mental Health Services such as 24 hour crisis intervention and counseling and substance abuse treatment/counseling.
- Other Professional Services such as
  - nutrition and exercise education/counseling
  - occupational/vocational/physical therapy, and
  - pharmacy services.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Who is served by the SPCGP?**
The SPCGP serves Utah’s low-income families that do not have health insurance or have insurance that does not cover primary care.

**What is the return on investment?**

For the total amount allocated for “primary care” ($608K), for example, there is a significant return-on-investment, and this is illustrated by the fact that one pre-term, low-birth weight, or baby born with severe complications due to inadequate (or no) access to prenatal care will cost the state much more than the $608,000 allocated to primary care under this program.

**Percent Uninsured by Poverty Level**


The program provides patients with a medical home. Individuals with a medical home are more likely to be diagnosed early, receive appropriate care, and report satisfactory outcomes.

**What is the responsibility of patients served by the SPCGP?**
The 45,000 patients served through the SPCGP (FY 2011) pay a sliding-fee scale fee for the services they receive.