



Support HB364 (Rep. Holdaway)

Enrollment to CHIP, UPP, & Medicaid

Summary

It is estimated that 1/3 of the uninsured in Utah qualify for state sponsored health coverage. HB364 makes it easier for hard-working individuals and families to find out about and enroll in the Utah Premium Partnership, CHIP and Medicaid to get the health coverage they need.

What HB364 Does

I. Makes the UPP Program More Effective

HB364 provides the Department of Health a marketing budget (\$200,000). A recent Department of Health survey found that 88% of Utahns have not heard about the Utah Premium Partnership (UPP) program. The current obscurity of the UPP program presents enormous challenges as Utah embarks on health reform. One of the corner stones of HB133, Health System Reform, is moving as many uninsured to private market insurance. UPP is the vehicle that will help make private market coverage affordable.

HB364 also makes Utah Premium Partnership (UPP) eligibility a qualifying life event (like having a baby, getting married, or having a divorce). This will allow individuals and their families to enroll in employer sponsored health insurance outside of open enrollment periods. This provision has since been replicated in several other bills this session, but the genesis of this idea is found in HB364.

2. Helps Find CHIP & Medicaid Eligible Kids in Utah Schools

Schools represent the single best link for identifying and enrolling eligible low-income children and families in public health coverage. The bill allows the Department of Workforce Services and the Department of Health to work with the State School Board to identify uninsured children and enroll them in CHIP or Medicaid if they qualify.

Currently there are 70,000 uninsured Utah children who qualify for CHIP or Medicaid. This legislation will allow the state to more efficiently and effectively promote the programs to these families.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Utah Premium Partnership

UPP helps working individuals and families pay their work sponsored monthly health insurance premiums. There are more than 300,000 uninsured individuals in Utah. Many could purchase health coverage through their employers but can't afford their share of the premium. UPP was designed to help close that gap, and offers up to \$150 per adult & \$100 per child each month to help cover the monthly premium payment.

How many people are enrolled in UPP

Current UPP enrollment stands at 175 adults and 267 children and the program has funds to enroll many more families. There is room in the program to accommodate 1000 individuals

How to qualify for UPP

- Not currently have health insurance
- Be able to enroll in an employer's health plan
- Earn less than 150% of the FPL for adult coverage or 200% for a subsidy for children.
- Be a U.S. citizen or legal resident