Sponsors

• AARP Utah
• American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
• Association for Utah Community Health
• Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce
• United Way of Salt Lake
• University of Utah Hospitals
• Utah Health Policy Project
• Utah Hospital Association
• Voices for Utah Children
What is Healthy Utah?

- Federal funds returned to state
- Puts most recipients into *private* insurance plans
- Individual contributions (premiums and co-pays)
- Work requirement
- Covers low-income adults (below 138% FPL)
The Healthy Utah Poll

• Main Poll findings:
  • Strong overall support - 88%
  • Broad support
  • Bi-partisan support
  • Voters support specific plan features
  • Utahns want to help people in the “donut hole”

• Poll indicates Governor has found a “Utah Solution.”
Poll Background

• Random Sample of 623 Utah voters, state-wide
• Conducted by Dan Jones & Associates
• Results presented here are for 2014 likely voters
• Poll results analyzed and report prepared by Notalys, LLC, a Utah-based consulting firm.
Strong Overall Support

Healthy Utah Vs. The Alternatives

DO NOTHING

Healthy Utah
88%

Alternative
12%

MEDICAID EXPANSION

Healthy Utah
70%

Alternative
30%
Strong Overall Support

Using a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 meaning "strongly oppose" and 5 meaning "strongly support," how would you rate your support of Governor Herbert's Healthy Utah Plan?
Strong Overall Support

Of the following three options, which do you support the most?

- Healthy Utah Plan: 65%
- Do Nothing: 6%
- Medicaid: 29%
Widespread Support

Gender
- Men: 85%
- Women: 90%

Race/Ethnicity
- White: 88%
- Non-White: 89%

Age Category
- 18-24: 93%
- 25-34: 89%
- 35-44: 88%
- 45-54: 89%
- 55-64: 91%
- 65+: 84%

Religion
- LDS: 90%
- Other: 82%
- No Preference: 81%

Data • Decision • Direction
**Bipartisan Support**

**Party Affiliation**
- Republican: 91%
- Democrat: 80%
- Independent: 87%
- Other: 84%

**Political Ideology**
- Very Conservative: 84%
- Moderate: 94%
- Very Liberal: 79%
- 81%
89% of conservative Republicans prefer the Healthy Utah Plan over doing nothing.
Bipartisan Support

• When compared to a Medicaid expansion, Democrats are split

• Republicans strongly prefer *Healthy Utah*
Support for Specific Plan Features

- Likely voters are strongly in support of specific plan features:

Do each of the following features of the Healthy Utah Plan make you more or less supportive?

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Support for Plan Features

- Utahns believe individuals should help pay the costs of their care.
• Utahns believe affordable health insurance is very important
Attitudes about Health Insurance

- Utahns believe people who are unable to afford health insurance should receive help from government.
  - Even self-described conservatives hold this view.

![Graph showing predicted agreement with the statement: Individuals who are unable to afford health insurance should receive help from government sources.](image)
NO to the “Donut Hole”

- Utahns want government to provide the same support to the poor that it gives to higher income people.
Finding a “Utah Solution”

• Since the beginning of 2014, Utah has been eligible for millions of federal dollars but has not yet acted.

• Governor Herbert has been seeking a way to use Medicaid funds in a way that is consistent with Utah’s political values and Utah’s unique characteristics.

• Healthy Utah is a plan that meets those objectives—a “Utah Solution”