

CONCLUSION

As Utah wrestles with this year's budget crisis it will be essential to capture all potential savings. Without these and other proven cost management mechanisms, the Legislature may be forced to eliminate Medicaid eligibility or to reduce Utah's already low provider reimbursement rates even further. Cuts to eligibility and provider rates will not only cause great harm to beneficiaries, but also to Utah's health care system by shifting the costs of uncompensated care to hospitals, and ultimately to all those who pay health insurance premiums.

Help minimize Medicaid eligibility cuts and maximize Medicaid cost containment by voting YES on SB 87.

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ⁱ Cauchi, Richards, *Pharmaceutical Preferred Drug Lists (PDLs) State Medicaid and Beyond*, National Conference of State Legislators, March 30, 2007, <http://www.colorado2.com/health/PDLprograms.pdf>

ⁱⁱ Cost saving data provided by Utah Department of Health, 2008.

ⁱⁱⁱ Bergman, David, et. al., *State Design and Use of Prior Authorization*, National Academy for State Health Policy, March 2006