

Agenda

Wednesday, December 16, 2009
5 to 6:30pm
State Capitol, Olmsted



Topic	Discussion Highlights	Decisions / Next Steps
Introductions		
Follow up from November's Meeting	Media release, UMP Principles, quotes, stories from providers and beneficiaries	UMP members will continue to seek stories from providers and patients. In addition, UMP members will endorse and seek colleagues to endorse the UMP principle.
Governor's budget	<p>Generally holds Medicaid Harmless.</p> <p>-\$20 million additional funding for enrollment growth, dentists, and PT & OT.</p> <p>-No additional funds for any other providers, Audiology, dental and vision services are not restored.</p> <p>--Hospital reimbursement rates take additional reductions.</p> <p>--No ongoing funds for enrollment or additional money if enrollment exceeds 205,000.</p>	<p>The Governor's budget was good news, however, the legislature seems to be taking their own path, a path that will not be as generous towards Utah's Medicaid program.</p> <p>The legislature will be meeting January 12th and January 20th to begin 4% budget cuts. Medicaid providers reimbursement rates will likely be considered for cuts at these meetings.</p> <p>UMP members agreed to would be wise to contact HHS Approp members ASAP to make them aware of how low reimbursement rates are and big of an impact cuts will have providers willingness to participate in Medicaid and consequently low-income Utahns ability to access services.</p>
Next steps	<p>--Stories</p> <p>--update of principles and endorsers</p> <p>--Press conference before session</p> <p>--activities during the session.</p>	<p>Lincoln will send to UMP members the following information in the next week.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legislator look-up: http://www.utahsenate.org/map.html 2. HHS Approps legislators 3. Principles 4. Storybank materials: scripts, release, online storybank link 5. Dates of next HHS Approps mtgs.
Next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - January 12th, 5pm, Olmstead Room - Every Wednesday during session (Jan 25 thru March 11th) from 12:45 to 1:30 in Olmsted room. 	6.

The Mission of the Utah Medicaid Policy Partnership

Our mission is to help ensure that the Utah Medicaid program provides access to quality, affordable, and comprehensive health care coverage to eligible Utahns