

Utah Politicians Debate Whether to Expand Medicaid

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(KUTV) Will Utah help poor people who don't have health insurance?

The federal government would pay almost the whole cost, but state politicians still hesitate.

Utah house speaker Becky Lockhart says Utah must not take the money offered by

Obamacare to take care of poor people such as Mike who have no health insurance.

Obamacare offers Utah \$1.3 billion dollars a year to take care of all the uninsured poor, Utah next year would pay nothing.

Governor Gary Herbert says Utah should take some of that money, but Lockhart says Utah shouldn't touch it.

Health insurance expert representative Jim Dunnigan is trying to work out health insurance for some of the poor without any federal money.

Utah may insure the medically frail poor, insure parents of children, and Utah taxpayers would pay the full cost of any plans that don't involve federal money.

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