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Utah advocate Judi Hilman honored for work to advance health care access

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SALT LAKE CITY — Families USA recently honored one of Utah's most forefront consumer health advocates at its national conference in Washington.

The award, presented every year since 1998, was given to Judi Hilman, director of the Utah Health Policy Project, for her commitment to improving access to quality, affordable health care for all Utah residents.

"The very fact that Utah is one of two states leading in the quest for health care reform, may well be the result of Judi's working with, and giving continued input to Utah's legislative task force on health care reform over the past four years," said UHPP board member, Dr. Tom Metcalf.

Hilman was noted as being a passionate and gifted advocate, as well as "an ally in the fight for universal, affordable, quality health care," according to USA Families director Ron Pollack.

Prior to starting the UHPP in 2006, Hilman worked as health police director and research director for Utah Issues' Center for Poverty Research and Action. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of California, Berkeley, where she studied history of medicine and German literature, and a master's degree in history from Cornell University.

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