



who we are

The Utah Health Policy Project is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to lasting solutions to the crisis of the uninsured and rising health care costs.



Through our award-winning research, education, and community engagement activities, we are closer to the day when all Utahns have access to quality, affordable, comprehensive, and culturally appropriate health care coverage.

As Utah's "Implementation Station," we are here to help the community determine how – and when – state and federal health reforms will bring added security and better health care to all Utah residents.

Our core strengths:

- We are an influential participant in state and national reform efforts.
- We have access to – and the hard-won respect of – top leaders in the policymaking process.
- We bring together key leaders in our community to effect real change.
- We collect data on health coverage needs in our community and put it into the hands of those who need it most.
- *We engage real consumer voices at every stage of our work.*

what we've helped accomplish

As the go-to place for reliable, nonpartisan research on health policy solutions, UHPP is helping to make a difference in people's lives.

UHPP is known for our commitment to sensible, comprehensive, long term solutions to the health care crisis. Over the years, UHPP's efforts have translated into tangible results for Utah families, including:

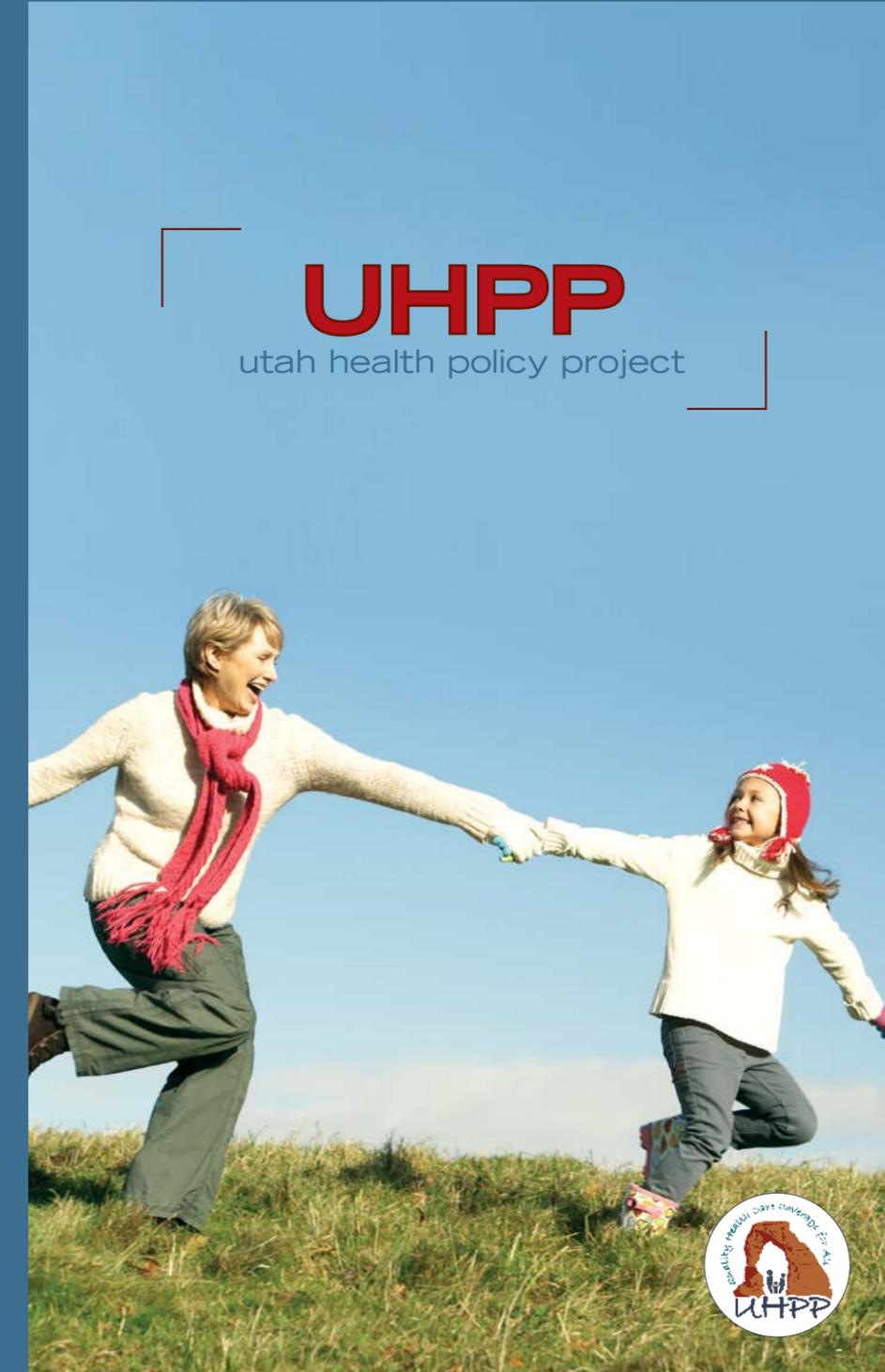
- Insurance coverage for 12,000 uninsured children.
- Dental and vision coverage for 22,000 adults.
- Medicaid coverage for 6,000 adults with disabilities and seniors.
- Early implementation of the state's breast and cervical cancer treatment program.
- Creation of a health equity office at the Department of Health to address disparities.
- Helping policymakers utilize cost containment tools, saving millions in Medicaid.
- Helping policymakers maximize economic stimulus dollars to keep Medicaid whole.
- In the most recent session: restoring Medicaid coverage of interpreting, hospice, physical therapy, certain transplants; restoring the State Primary Care Grants Program;

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here's how we're helping

UHPP focuses on health reform implementation, Medicaid policy, quality and equity initiatives, and education and community engagement.



Reform Initiatives and the 'Implementation Station'

The Affordable Care Act complements the state's reform efforts, but it is only the beginning and it is far from perfect. The real work begins with implementation. UHPP is focused on making the health reform law work for Utah, on helping the community determine how and when the reforms will bring added security and better health care to all Utah residents. To help the public make sense of the new law, and how it will interface with state reforms, UHPP has created an "Implementation Station" on our website (healthpolicyproject.org). Here you will find tools and analysis of the reforms, along with practical information for consumers to understand their new choices under reform.

Medicaid Policy Clinic

Medicaid provides affordable health care coverage for low-income children and parents, people with disabilities, and low-income seniors. More than 360,000 Utahns got the health care they needed through Medicaid in 2010. Between now and 2014, federal reform will expand this coverage to even more Utahns in need. To ensure a smooth transition, UHPP is working with leaders, providers, and the community to...

- ensure timely access to all needed care
- maximize opportunities to improve the quality of care
- make sure the program is run as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible, from eligibility determination to payment methodologies and fraud prevention
- ensure sustainable and ongoing sources of funding for Medicaid.

Quality/Equality Watch and the Utah C.H.A.I.N.

One way to measure the success of reforms is by the extent to which they reduce barriers to health care and coverage based on ethnicity, income, or location, and improve the overall health of the population. To address these issues, Quality/Equality Watch focuses on...

- a "no wrong door" approach to outreach, consumer assistance, and navigation of insurance options. No matter where consumers turn, they will find tools to take charge of their health. To this end, we are proud to launch the Utah C.H.A.I.N. (Consumer Health Assistance, Information, and Navigation) network in 2011
- ensuring that the health equity provisions of reform are fully implemented in Utah
- maximizing the role of CHIP and Medicaid in reducing health disparities
- partnering with the academic and nonprofit community to design strategies and policies to address the social determinants of health.



Education and Community Engagement

UHPP is dedicated to educating and engaging the community at every step of the reform process.

- We give Utahns a voice in the decisions that impact their lives through our story bank.
- We educate the community about the benefits of reform through our speakers' bureau.
- We provide advocacy training so individuals can speak on their own behalf.
- We encourage participation in the legislative process through our Health Matters e-newsletter and timely alerts.
- We produce statewide satellite meetings to bring rural communities into the reform discussion.
- We use communications strategies to frame the issues for the public, including news conferences, letters to the editor, and social media.



Our Community Engagement Projects & Coalitions

U-SHARE (Utahns for Sustainable Health Reform) is a partnership of organizations, individuals and leaders in the community dedicated to ensuring that health care reform is implemented in the best way for all Utahns.

Utah Medicaid Partnership is a coalition of approximately 70 organizations dedicated to quality, affordable health care coverage for Utahns in need.

The **Utah Business Group on Health** (UBGH) helps small business owners understand how the reforms will impact them, their employees, and their bottom line. UBGH houses **The Exchange Learning Network** (ELN), for employers who are participating, or contemplating participation, in the Utah Health Exchange.

The **Utah White Coats** is a group of 1,000+ health care providers dedicated to building the public's confidence in the reforms. Change can be scary, especially when it involves a basic human need like health care. That's where the White Coats come in: they are ready to answer questions about the reforms and to separate myth from fact, starting with their own patients.



Be the Change You Want to See in Health Care...

Success of health care reform depends on YOU and your willingness to stand for the changes needed to bring about a more responsive and sustainable health care system.

For up-to-date information about UHPP's work or to get involved, mail this card today or visit us at www.healthpolicyproject.org.

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