

Herbert to discuss alternative Medicaid expansion

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SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah Gov. Gary Herbert is scheduled to discuss his alternative plan to Medicaid expansion Friday.

Dubbed Healthy Utah, Herbert's idea is an alternative to simply expanding the existing government program, which is an option under President Barack Obama's health care law.

Herbert is seeking a chunk of federal money for a three-year pilot program to pay for about 110,000 people to buy private health insurance. Utah's Department of Health estimates the program would use \$250 million in federal money the first year and grow to about \$280 million in the third year.

But some state lawmakers say participants should be required to work, which federal officials won't allow.

Herbert is slated speak at a health care forum at 1 p.m. at the Oquirrh View Community Health Center in Taylorsville.



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