

News Alert: Social Services Appropriations Committee schedules 30 minutes of public comment about Healthy Utah at 8am, 2/11

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Legislature to Hear Public Comments on Healthy Utah Plan and alternatives at Wednesday, Feb. 11th Meeting

First discussion during legislative session

WHAT: Healthy Utah/Coverage Gap Discussion at the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee ([agenda](#))

WHERE: House Building Room #30 | Utah Capitol Complex

WHEN: Wednesday | February 11, 2015 | 8:00am

The **Healthy Utah Plan** ([S.B. 164](#)) is one of the most talked about issues of the current legislative session. Ironically, it has not been heard in a committee during the first 16 days of the session.

That will change at 8am this Wednesday morning when the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee [hears testimony about the Healthy Utah Plan](#). This event will kick off what will likely be a busy two weeks of additional hearings, press conferences, and votes on Healthy Utah and other legislative proposals to address Utah's coverage gap. As a reminder, the coverage gap contains 53,000 uninsured Utahns who earn too much or don't qualify for Medicaid, yet earn too little to purchase subsidized insurance on [healthcare.gov](#).

"We think this Wednesday's hearing will not only show the well-reasoned public and institutional support for Healthy Utah," explains

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RyLee Curtis, senior policy analyst at the Utah Health Policy Project (UHPP), “but also a recognition of how improving access to healthcare in Utah will have a strong and positive effect across the entire state economy.”

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Scheduled to speak [starting at 8:00am](#) in favor of the Healthy Utah Plan are representatives of Utah’s manufacturing and mining industries, as well as leaders of Utah’s healthcare professional associations. Other speakers will address how the Healthy Utah Plan will boost Utah’s competitiveness as a climate for business, and as a state known for innovative healthcare reform. Several advocates for uninsured Utahns as well as Utahns who could gain coverage because of the Healthy Utah Plan are also scheduled to speak to the committee.



While Wednesday’s Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee will be this session’s first public testimony on Healthy Utah Plan, future discussions are expected. Late last week Sen. Brian Shiozawa (R-Cottonwood Heights) introduced the Healthy Utah Plan in a bill, [S.B. 164](#) “Access to Healthcare Amendments,” which likely will be heard in a Senate committee next week.

WHAT: Healthy Utah/Medicaid Expansion Discussion at the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee

WHEN: Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 8am-10am | [agenda \(PDF\)](#)

WHERE: House Building Room #30, Utah Capitol Complex ([map](#))

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