

# Herbert, Dunnigan confident Utah Medicaid expansion plan on track for July deadline

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The Utah delegation was asking HHS for flexibility in how the state expands Medicaid, as well as some assurance that it can cap or otherwise control Utah's share of the costs.

"They view things differently," Dunnigan told those attending the luncheon. "They don't worry about the money. They don't even think of it."

Herbert said he believes Utah can cap its costs. "There are ways we can cap and predict the future cost of a Healthy Utah program or ... whatever you want to name it."

The day the delegation was in Washington, Herbert told reporters he expected the group would have some options to show the public in three weeks, which would be next week.

Dunnigan seemed less certain that will happen, noting that the Legislature's Health Reform Task Force will get an update when it meets in a couple weeks. No date is yet on the legislative calendar for that meeting.

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