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The Deadline is Here

Utahns have waited 1,000 days for a solution to the coverage gap. Now lawmakers have 16 days to deliver it.

In the aftermath of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that protected the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) premium subsidies for over 80,000 Utahns, prospects were looking up for finally closing Utah's Medicaid coverage gap.

"This ruling lets us really kind of ramp it up," House Speaker Greg Hughes, (R-Draper) told reporter Glen Mills at ABC-4 on the same day of the Court's decision. "It's not going to be in the next week or so, but now I think we're a lot closer than we were prior to knowing what the landscape would look like."

But last week, more statements from a leading member of the Gang of Six put the brakes on meeting the deadline. During a July 7 press conference, Rep. Jim Dunnigan (R-Taylorsville) suggested the gang might only develop a "concept" plan by July 31st, and that even achieving the goal was unlikely. Rumors began to circulate that the some members of the gang wanted to delay a decision for another seven months until 2016 legislative session, or 18 months until the outcome of the next presidential election. Suddenly, the prospect of an August 2015 special session to fix Utah's Medicaid coverage gap seemed less likely.

With just 16 days until the July 31st deadline, and 53,000 low-income Utahns still living in the Medicaid coverage gap, Utahns want our lawmakers buckle down to fix it.

Read more here

Read the full calendar here

Thursday, July 16, 2015
Health Reform Task Force
Time: 1pm
Agenda (html) (pdf)
Location: Room 210 Senate Building, Utah Capitol Complex (map)
• King v. Burwell update
• Update on Coverage Gap

Wednesday, July 15, 2015
Organization: Health Care Roundtable
Location: Utah Capitol – Senate (West) Building, Olmsted Room (map)
Time: 1:15pm-2:15pm
Contact: RyLee Curtis (email)
Information: Get added to the Digest Email by contacting RyLee Curtis (email)

Friday, July 31, 2015
Rally at the State Capitol
Facebook event (link)

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UHPP is Hiring
UHPP is hiring a new full-time **Policy Analyst** to focus on Medicaid and CHIP.

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King v. Everyone
The ACA's premium subsidies help more than just the 86,000 Utahns who use them.

Find out why here

Ask a Navigator
Q: What's the difference between a **deductible** and an **out-of-pocket max?**

Read the answer here

Now the Truth
Our job of correcting misinformation about Utah's Coverage Gap got busier after a local chapter of AFP organized in May.

Read more here
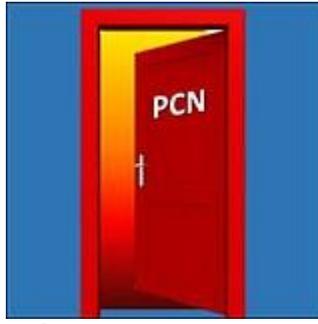
PCN Will Open
On July 27, 2015, Utah's Primary Care Network (PCN) will open enrollment for parents and caretaker relatives age 19-64.

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Inside the Gap
Real Utah families live in the Coverage Gap. Learn who they are through Cover the Gap's Snapshot campaign.

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