



## **UHPP to present latest analysis of 2018 insurance marketplace at legislature this Wednesday at 1pm**

***Silver premiums to increase 61% in Salt Lake County partially due to political uncertainty over cost-sharing payments***

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At Wednesday's 1pm meeting of the Utah Legislature's Health Reform Task Force the Utah Health Policy Project (UHPP) will present new analysis of the 2018 premiums for Utah's insurance marketplace.

**Health Reform Task Force**

Wednesday October 11, 2017  
1:00 pm  
Utah Capitol: Room 30 House Building

[Agenda](#)

[Outline](#)

Due to uncertainty from Washington, DC about continued cost-sharing reduction (CSR) payments to Utah insurers, the 2018 marketplace will present a strange and new landscape for the more than 200,000 Utahns who purchase health insurance on the individual market. The disruption due to CSR payments will particularly impact the Silver-level plans that 73% of Utahns with marketplace coverage purchase.

Here is a preview:

- Average premiums for Silver plans will increase 61% in Salt Lake County. Bronze and Gold plans will increase 19% and 20%, respectively. The spike in Silver plans is partially due to uncertainty over CSR payments to Utah insurers.

- Subsidies will increase dramatically for most Utah consumers to offset the higher premiums local insurers requested due to their concerns that CSRs will not be funded. Approximately 86% of Utah's marketplace consumers (150,000) receive premium subsidies.
- Premiums for some Gold plans will be cheaper than Silver plans, and many Utah consumers will pay \$0 premiums for Bronze and the new Enhanced Bronze plans, although these lower-value plans will include high deductibles. This is the "strange" part of the 2018 marketplace.
- Consumers with incomes too high to receive subsidies (above 400% of the federal poverty level, or \$97,000 for a family of four) will face higher premiums on the marketplace, but many could find lower-priced Silver plans off the marketplace.

More information is available within this PowerPoint deck that UHPP's education and communications director, Jason Stevenson, will use during his presentation.

### **Analysis of Utah's 2018 Insurance Marketplace**

UHPP

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[\(PDF\)](#)

"In 2018 all Utahns will have a choice of two insurers on the health insurance marketplace," said Jason Stevenson, education and communications director at the Utah Health Policy Project. "But those Utah consumers who earn too much to receive monthly subsidies will face higher premiums mostly due to the deliberate policies of confusion and sabotage being practiced in Washington, DC. The Utah marketplace will still function well for the vast majority of Utah consumers, providing a choice of dozens of affordable health insurance plans with premium subsidies linked to income and family size. The solutions to make the marketplace work better for everyone are simple and well-defined--funding CSRs, bringing back re-insurance pools, and fixing the family glitch--if only federal lawmakers would focus their attention on these bipartisan, constructive goals."

### **Utah's Open Enrollment begins November 1, 2017 and ends December 15, 2017.**

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