

# Basic Breakdown of Utah's Medicaid Expansion "Repeal and Replace"

Utah passed full Medicaid expansion via the Proposition 3 ballot initiative in November. The legislature immediately pursued repeal, and passed their replacement, SB 96 in February as the first priority of the session. We have nicknamed SB 96 the **BROKEN BRIDGE** across the Medicaid coverage gap because it includes many harmful elements or "missing planks"

- **1st: Work Reporting Requirements**
  - This requires a lengthy paperwork process, including a requirement to fill out 48 job applications. Punishing people by taking their care does not help them find work. Improving health DOES lead to better employment.
- **2nd: Enrollment Cap**
  - This would build an arbitrary wall between who is allowed to enroll and who is not based on a person's spot in line.
- **3rd: Per Capita Cap**
  - Under a per capita cap, the state is asking the federal government for a limited amount of funding to cover its rising health care needs, without addressing rising health care costs.
  - In exchange for this cut in funding, the state receives permission to make cuts to Medicaid programs, services, and enrollment that are usually forbidden.
- **4th- Partial Expansion**
  - The repeal plan covers half as many people as Proposition 3
  - It shifts people onto the ACA individual market, which is only open for enrollment 45 days a year, and leads to affordability barriers for very low-income people.

You can fight back against these harmful changes by filling out a brief survey [www.healthpolicyproject.org/comment](http://www.healthpolicyproject.org/comment)

## Utah's SB96 is a Broken Bridge to Medicaid Expansion

