

# Health Matters

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### Five Ways to View A Decision

Last Friday Utah and the federal government [agreed on a split model](#) to separate the insurance exchanges created by the Affordable Care Act. Here are [five reasons](#) why **this decision matters**—or doesn't—**will rescue Avenue H**—messes everything up—**or won't last the year**.

Read more [here](#)

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### Medicaid Team Gets to Work

Grab your [calendar](#) to write down all Medicaid expansion events this month—from workgroup and [U4ME meetings](#) to



### Best Articles We've Read This Month

Here are the [best and brightest](#) health reform articles we've read since the last newsletter. It's as

#### Executive Appropriations Committee

(Legislative Leadership)

Tuesday, May 14, 1:00

PM

Location: Room 445 State

Capitol ([map](#))

[Agenda](#)

Senator Lyle Hillyard, Senate Chair

Representative Mel Brown, House Chair

([Calendar Link](#))

Agenda Hot Spots: 5-Year

Budget Projections, in-depth

[special events](#) you won't want to miss.

Read more [here](#)



## Dear Navigator:

My worthless brother-in-law says that health insurance is for sissies. [Am I a sissy for wanting health insurance through Obamacare?](#) Or is my brother-in-law as useless as my mom says he is?

Read the answer [here](#)



## Measuring Quality in Utah

simple as Point, Click, and [Learn](#).

Read more [here](#)



## Medicaid Expansion Power Players

UHPP hosts two forums in May with nationally-recognized experts. The goal: To raise Utah's [Medicaid Expansion discussion](#) to a higher level.

Read more [here](#)



## UHPP Fundraiser on

budget review

Why this committee is important: Since Medicaid takes up such a significant portion of the state budget pie, any in-depth look at the budget and priority setting could significantly impact our ability to pay for or sustain worthy Medicaid investments.

### Health and Human Services Interim Committee

Wednesday, May 15, 9:00 AM

Location: Room 20 House Bldg ([map](#))

[Agenda](#)

Agenda Hot Spots:

Community Health Worker  
Concept for Legislation,  
Long-Term Care Insurance

### Health System Reform Task Force

(First meeting of interim session)

Thursday, May 16, 9:00 AM

Location: 30 House Building ([map](#))

[Agenda](#)

Senator Allen M. Christensen,  
Senate Chair

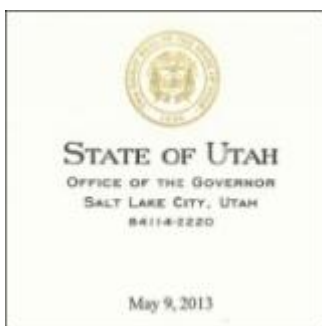
Representative James A.  
Dunnigan, House Chair

([Calendar Link](#))

## Medicaid

Utah's Department of Health moves ahead with stakeholder process to identify [25 ways to measure quality-of-care](#)-- and the next steps to make them stick.

Read more [here](#)



## Documents Approving Utah Exchanges

It took three months of negotiations--but Utah finally [achieved its goal](#) of operating Avenue H as the state's ACA-compliant small business exchange. Read [Gov. Herbert's May 9th letter to HHS](#), plus the official [federal response](#) to the plan.

## May 23rd

What's better than a ton of chocolate? A ton of chocolate FOR people who support UHPP!

[Purchase tickets](#) for our spring fundraiser on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Get a **FREE promotional code** [here](#)



## No Wrong Doors for Enrollment

To make the enrollment process as simple and streamlined as possible for both navigators and consumers, UHPP is developing a [shared database](#) that connects all the dots and minimizes duplication.

Read more [here](#)

Agenda Hot Spots: Overview of Utah and Federal Health Reform, ACA Implementation.

### Real Exchange Utah (RxUtah)

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2013

Time: 12:45pm-2:15pm

Location: United Way of Salt Lake (257 East 200 South, Suite #300)

-Update on Utah exchange decision

- Interactive workshop on ACA outreach and training (all are invited)

### ACA Outreach & Presentation Training

At the next *RxUtah* meeting

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2013

Time: 12:45pm-2:15pm

Location: United Way of Salt Lake (257 East 200 South, Suite #300)

-Interactive workshop on ACA outreach and training

### Medicaid Expansion Community Workgroup

Date: Thursday May 23, 2013

Time: 1:30pm-3:30pm

Location: Capitol Board Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor), Utah State Capitol ([map](#))

Note: The [Medicaid expansion study](#) may be unveiled at this meeting—if it is ready (fingers-crossed)

*Read about more May and June events [here](#)*

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