

Health Matters

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Failed Launch or Slow Start?

If we apply the [five stages of grief](#) to the fizzled launch of healthcare.gov, most of us are stuck at stage three:

“Bargaining.”

-If I create a new login will it work?

Nope.

-How about applying for coverage at 2am?

No, that's when the website is overhauled.

-What if I refresh my computer screen 500 times?

Nada. And now you've got a repetitive stress injury. Good thing [pre-existing conditions](#) don't matter after January 1st.


Two weeks after the debut of the Affordable Care Act's marketplaces—including [healthcare.gov](#) here in Utah—the promise of reform has been [temporarily replaced by an error message](#).

But it will get fixed.

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Health and Human Services Interim Committee

Tuesday, October 15

Time: 8am – 11:30am

Location: 20 House Building

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Agenda Hot Spots:

Underage and Binge

Drinking; Update on State

and Federal Health Reform;

Tobacco, Electronic

Cigarettes, and Tobacco



No Time to Sit Still

Bountiful physician [Ray Ward](#) brings his personal focus to Utah's [Medicaid expansion decision](#).

Read more [here](#)



Dear Navigator:

[How](#) is the new marketplace insurance [better than what I have now?](#)

Sincerely, Unconvinced

Read the answer [here](#)



This Website Works

[Takecareutah.org](#) connects Utahns to their [nearest enrollment assistance](#).

Go there [now](#)



In Case You Missed It

Stay current on the [latest state and national health care news](#) with our monthly summary.

Read more [here](#)

Paraphernalia; Federal Government Shutdown

Executive Appropriations Committee

Tuesday, October 15

Time: 1pm – 2pm

Location: Room 445 State Capitol ([map](#))

[Agenda](#)

([Calendar Link](#))

Agenda Hot Spots: Medicaid Inspector General Report

Health System Reform Task Force

Thursday, October 17

Time: 9:00am – 11:30am

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

[Agenda](#)

Senator Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair

Representative James A. Dunnigan, House Chair

([Calendar Link](#))

Agenda Hot Spots:

Overview of Utah marketplaces launch on October 1st, Update from federal marketplace navigators (Randal Serr, UHPP); discussion of state-controlled risk adjustment; recap of Governor's health summit; federal regulations update

Avenue H and Insurance



Fall Conference - Dec 5th

NEW DATE: 65 Days after launch, UHPP will assemble experts to review the ACA's initial results.

Get the details [here](#)



Town Hall Replay

Last Wednesday the [Salt Lake Tribune](#) and KCPW hosted a [live town hall](#) on health reform.

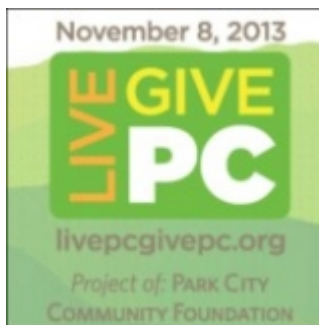
Listen to it [here](#)

1 Utah nonprofit
5 full-time staff
7 years in existence
9 navigator partners
114 media hits in '13
4,315 newsletter recipients

UHPP by the Numbers

This fall we need [one more number](#). Your [support...](#)

Give to UHPP [here](#)



Live PC/Give PC

On November 8, [support UHPP](#) during a day of online giving [in your community](#).

Find out more [here](#)

Market Team

Thursday, October 17
Time: 12pm
Location: Room 30 of the House Building ([map](#))
[Avenue H Dashboard](#)
(September enrollment figures)

RFP for Avenue H navigators released on October 8 – read more [here](#)

Note: The RFP period closes on October 23, 2013.

UPCOMING UTAH EVENTS

{{NEW DATE}}

UHPP Fall Conference

We Have Liftoff! Real-Time Data from the Launch of Obamacare

Date: Thursday, December 5, 2013

Time: 8:30am - 4pm

Location: Red Lion Hotel (161 W 600 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84101)

[Register here](#)

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