

# Health Matters

## Utah Health Policy Project

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## The Beginning of the End?

On Thursday morning at 9am the Utah legislature's [Health Reform Task Force](#) will meet for the tenth time to discuss options for closing Utah's coverage gap.

But this meeting [will be different](#).


The [agenda](#) for Thursday's meeting is packed with perspectives from people who understand Utah's coverage gap—the tens of thousands of Utahns who earn too little to purchase subsidized private insurance, but earn too much to receive Medicaid.

Here's a sample of the Task Force agenda:

- Paul Gibbs, the local filmmaker who created "[Entitled To Life](#)", will preview a [seven-minute](#) version of his powerful; documentary to Utah legislators. We expect many of the Utahns profiled in the film and others living in the coverage gap to be in the audience.
- The task force will hear testimony on the

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### Legislative Meetings

>>Thursday, July 17, 2014  
Health Reform Task Force  
Location: Utah State Capitol;  
Room #30 House Building  
([map](#))  
Time: 9am-12pm  
Agenda ([html](#)) ([pdf](#))

### Health Care Roundtable

>>A bi-weekly (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Wednesdays) gathering of

coverage gap from three important perspectives: [Dr. Vivian Lee](#) (CEO of Univ. of Utah Health Systems); [Bishop David Heslington](#) (LDS 12th Ward, Salt Lake City); and Melanie Soule (Utah mother and businesswoman who lacks insurance).

- [Dr. Norm Waitzman](#) from the University of Utah will release a new demographic report that sheds light on lives of tens of thousands of Utahns who could receive new coverage under both a traditional Medicaid expansion and the Governor's Healthy Utah plan.
- Staff from the Utah Dept. of Health will update legislators on the ongoing [federal negotiations](#) over the Healthy Utah plan. Federal sign-off is necessary before the governor can call a special session of the Utah legislature this fall.

advocates, stakeholders, and others interested in health policy and legislation in Utah, especially Medicaid Expansion

**TODAY >>Wednesday, July 16, 2014**

Organization: Health Care Roundtable

Location: Utah State Capitol - Senate Office Bldg. - Olmsted Room ([map](#))

Time: 1:15pm-2:15pm

Contact: RyLee Curtis, rylee-at-healthpolicyproject.org

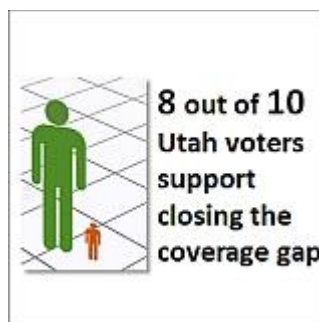
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On Thursday morning you can follow UHPP's coverage on the #hsrt meeting on [Twitter](#) at <https://twitter.com/UHPP> or @UHPP.

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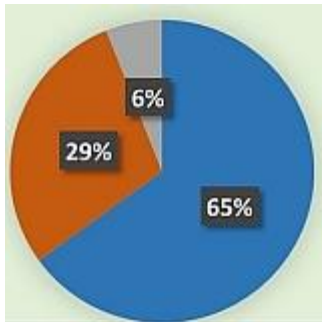
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**Take Care Utah gets a new look**

The ACA eliminated co-pays for [preventive care](#). So why are some doctors [still making us pay?](#)

Read the answer [here](#)



### Utah voters speak out

How a single statewide survey [changed the conversation](#) about closing Utah's coverage gap.

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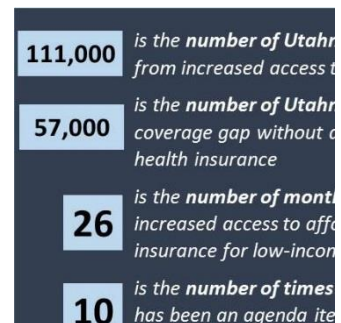
Now that healthcare.gov is working better, [why do people need your help?](#)

Sincerely,  
Unconvinced

Read her answer [here](#)

New and improved... the nationally-recognized [Take Care Utah website](#) is ready for the next enrollment season.

Check it out [here](#)



### Slow Count

The Utah legislature has [debated Medicaid expansion](#) 10 times since 2012.

Here are [five more facts](#) about Utah's long road to a solution...

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