

Fiscal Highlights

Updated Full Medicaid Expansion Cost Estimates - Russell T. Frandsen

Staff was asked to update full Medicaid expansion cost scenarios. This resulted in five changes to prior estimates as detailed below:

1. updated enrollment based on individuals with incomes from 100% to 138% of the federal poverty limit who would automatically be put on a full Medicaid expansion and are currently served via the federal healthcare exchange (increased costs)
2. later start date (decreased costs)
3. updated per member per month costs based on market and Medicaid experience (increased costs)
4. more woodwork realized, those who are already eligible for Medicaid who decide to sign up (decreased costs)
5. more savings from other state-funded programs (decreased costs)

Below is how the full Medicaid expansion scenario compares to prior estimates, such as the one in [S.B. 77 from the 2016 General Session](#):

Medicaid Expansion Proposal ¹	FY 2021 (\$ in millions)		Change	% Change
	2016 General Session	2016 Interim		
Clients ²	109,000	127,000	18,000	17%
Match Required ³	\$64.4	\$74.4	\$10.0	16%
Other Reductions ⁴	\$15.0	\$17.0	\$2.0	13%
General Fund (GF)	\$49.4	\$57.4	\$8.0	16%
Federal Funds (FF)	\$576.0	\$644.4	\$68.4	12%
Woodwork	37,000	28,000	(9,000)	-24%
Woodwork (GF)	\$27.8	\$17.9	(\$9.9)	-36%
Woodwork (FF)	\$65.7	\$43.6	(\$22.1)	-34%
Total Clients	146,000	155,000	9,000	6%
Total General Fund	\$77.2	\$75.3	(\$1.9)	-2%
Total Federal Funds	\$641.7	\$688.0	\$46.3	7%

Below is how the full expansion scenario under Healthy Utah compares to prior estimates, such as [S.B. 164 from the 2015 General Session](#):

Healthy Utah Proposal ¹	FY 2021 (\$ in millions)		Change	% Change
	2015 General Session ³	2016 Interim		
Clients ²	109,000	127,000	18,000	17%
Match Required ⁴	\$65.4	\$88.8	\$23.4	36%
Other Reductions ⁵	\$13.0	\$17.0	\$4.0	31%
General Fund (GF)	\$52.4	\$71.8	\$19.4	37%
Federal Funds (FF)	\$587.6	\$783.5	\$195.9	33%
Woodwork	37,000	28,000	(9,000)	-24%
Woodwork (GF)	\$27.8	\$17.9	(\$9.9)	-36%
Woodwork (FF)	\$65.7	\$43.6	(\$22.1)	-34%
Total Clients	146,000	155,000	9,000	6%
Total General Fund	\$80.2	\$89.7	\$9.5	12%
Total Federal Funds	\$653.3	\$827.1	\$173.8	27%

For more information please see the following [link](#).