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## Issue Brief – Lost Dedicated Credits Revenue

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### **SUMMARY**

The Utah Medical Education Council will possibly be losing some or all of its Dedicated Credits Revenue, \$674,300, beginning in FY 2009. This funding loss will affect the administrative budget and may lead to the dissolution of the Council.

### **OBJECTIVE**

The mission of the Utah Medical Education Council is “to assure that Utah has an adequate, well-trained clinical healthcare workforce to meet the needs of the citizens of the state and the region”. This brief addresses changes in funding mechanisms for the Council and possible outcomes of those changes.

### **DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

To this point, the Medical Education Council has had an operating budget each year funded through Dedicated Credits Revenue. In FY 2007, this amount was \$682,100 followed by \$650,000 in FY 2008. These funds have come from teaching hospitals including Intermountain Health Care, LDS Hospital, Primary Children’s Hospital, McKay-Dee, Utah Valley Regional, St. Mark’s, Salt Lake Regional and University of Utah Medical Center. Various factors, including a CMS rule that cuts some hospital funding, are contributing to expected funding cuts that will, in turn, affect the operating revenue the Education Council receives.

The Medical Education Council is seeking state funding in the amount of \$650,000 to support its administrative budget and continue council activities. These activities include: health workforce studies, stabilizing funding for clinical training, creating efficiencies within medical training programs, achieving health workforce objectives to meet population demands and creating partnerships that address problem areas in the medical services workforce.

