

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Speaker David Clark, Chair  
President Michael G. Waddoups, Vice-Chair  
Legislative Management Committee  
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

**Subject:** Interim Study Topics—Health and Human Services

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Speaker Clark and President Waddoups:

We respectfully request the Legislative Management Committee's approval for the Health and Human Services Interim Committee to address the following topics this interim (numbers in parentheses refer to Master Study Resolution item numbers):

**STUDIED IN MAY:**

**Federal Healthcare Reform**

To track the work of the Health System Reform Task Force as it responds to federal health reform legislation and consider selected issues of significance to the committee (additional follow-up later).

**H1N1 Influenza Virus**

To follow-up on the state's response to the H1N1 pandemic.

**SCHEDULED FOR JUNE:**

**Controlled Substances Advisory Committee (154, 160)**

To determine whether the committee wishes to recommend that the new Controlled Substances Advisory Committee created by 2010 H.B. 38 review particular substances for scheduling (e.g., "spice", tramadol, and salvia divinorum).

**Use of Tamper-resistant Prescription Forms**

To study whether, in addition to existing Medicaid requirements, legislation requiring the use of tamper-resistant prescription forms is needed in Utah.

**Sports-related Concussions**

To study whether Utah should adopt legislation that would require clearance by a medical professional in order for an athlete with a concussion to return to play.

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## NOT YET SCHEDULED

### **Nicotine and Flavored Tobacco Products**

To study whether to restrict the sale of nicotine and flavored tobacco products (see MSR Item 167 and 2010 H.B. 71, Nicotine Product and Flavored Smokeless Tobacco Restrictions).

### **Residential Treatment of Sex Offenders**

To review whether Department of Human Services rules result in inappropriate placements of sex offenders in residential treatment settings.

### **Health Support of Law Enforcement (118)**

To study stable funding for Department of Health entities that support law enforcement missions, like the Bureau of Toxicology.

### **Direct-pay Medical Care Providers**

To study the prevalence of medical providers that accept cash payment in lieu of third-party payment.

### **Healthcare-associated Infections (123)**

To study issues related to the reporting and use of healthcare-associated infections data.

### **Bariatric Surgery Coverage (74)**

To study whether PEHP can develop a coverage benefit for bariatric surgery that would incur only the same or less cost to the program.

### **Hospital Emergency Department Use (120)**

To study and identify strategies for reducing inappropriate emergency department use and related costs.

### **State Agency Auditing of Local Health and Human Services (140)**

To study the effectiveness of streamlining and consolidating audit efforts by the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services and their contracted monitors on county-delivered human service programs, local public health programs, and private providers.

### **Medical Benefits Recovery (131)**

To study and reconsider S.B. 50, Medical Benefits Recovery Amendments, 2008 General Session, which amended the Medical Benefits Recovery Act to provide that a lien to recover medical assistance benefits provided by the state may be imposed against the real property of a person who is an inpatient in a care facility during the life of that person.

### **Grandparent Rights (151)**

To study the rights of grandparents when they have custody of children.

### **End of Life Care (112)**

To study issues related to end of life care associated with Medicaid.

### **Health Care Mandates Versus Free Market Solutions (114)**

To study government mandates on modified community ratings, coverage, and licensing, and free market alternatives.

**Medical Industrial Complex (132)**

To study issues related to the Medical Industrial Complex.

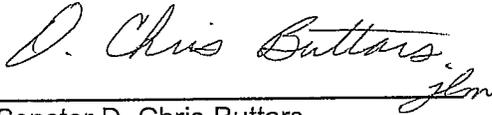
**Insurance Code (22)**

To study the organization and terminology of the state's Insurance Code.

**Review of Statutorily Required Reports**

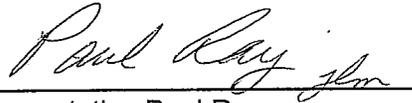
To study whether each of the health and human services reports required by statute should be continued and to whom they should be submitted.

Sincerely,



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Senator D. Chris Buttars  
Senate Chair,  
Health and Human Services  
Interim Committee



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Representative Paul Ray  
House Chair,  
Health and Human Services  
Interim Committee