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Speaker Rebecca D. Lockhart
Legislative Management Committee
State Capitol Complex
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Subject: Interim Study Topics—Health and Human Services

President Waddoups and Speaker Lockhart:

We respectfully request the Legislative Management Committee's approval of the following 2011 interim study schedule for the Health and Human Services Interim Committee (numbered issues are from the Master Study Resolution).

I. STUDIED IN MAY

Implementation of S.B. 180, "Medicaid Reform" – The Committee received a report from the Department of Health on the development of the Medicaid waiver proposal required by S.B. 180, designed to maximize the replacement of the Medicaid fee-for-service delivery model with risk-based models and create more appropriate financial incentives for consumers and providers of health care.

Implementation of H.B. 84, "Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services" – The Committee received a report on the creation of the new Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services within the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

II. SCHEDULED FOR JUNE

Implementation of S.B. 180, "Medicaid Reform" – The Committee will provide final input to the Department of Health as the department prepares to submit the Medicaid reform waiver proposal due by July 1.

Payment of Medical Care for Offenders in the Custody of the Department of Corrections – The Committee will consider draft legislation patterned after 2011 H.B. 498, "Inmate Health Issues Amendments."

Role of Medical Examiner in Highway Related Deaths – The Committee will study issues related to obtaining the signature of the attending physician in motor vehicle death cases.

Sunset Review—Expedited Background Checks – The Committee will conduct a sunset review of Utah Code Ann. Section 62A-2-102.5, which creates a pilot program for expedited background checks of qualified human services applicants.

III. TO BE STUDIED JULY – NOVEMBER

Medicaid Issues

97. **Amendment to Health Waiver** – to study whether to seek an amendment to the New Choices Waiver that will not require individuals to leave their current residence to be evaluated for the receipt of benefits under the waiver (H.B. 357).
108. **High Medicaid System Use** – to study the geo-mapping of those who frequently utilize the Medicaid system and use the information for preventative purposes.
110. **Increasing Office of Recovery Services Collections** – to study the role and efficiency of the Office of Recovery Services and whether to direct the Department of Health and the Department of Workforce Services to develop a list of options for expansions in the areas of collections, such as requiring insurers to share benefit information for all medical assistance to increase collections and cost avoidance.
119. **Pharmacy Practices Related to Substitutions** – to study in what circumstances a therapeutic substitution may be substituted for a therapeutic prescription drug and whether to require the purchaser and the prescribing practitioner to authorize the substitution (H.B. 321).
150. **Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Resources** – to study the return on investment for resources provided to the attorney general's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and the feasibility of increased recoveries if the unit is provided with more resources.
161. **Step Therapy for Pain Management** (H.B. 381).

Medicaid Preferred Drug List

Health Insurance

147. **Inmate Health Insurance** – to study coverage by an individual's private health and dental policies while the individual is an inmate or while the individual is in the custody of the Department of Corrections or a county jail (H.B. 11).

Emergency Department Use – to receive a report from the Utah Hospital Association on reducing the use of hospital emergency departments for non-emergency care.

Controlled Substances

101. **Controlled Substances Database** – to study the feasibility of allowing doctors and pharmacists to add notes on a patient to the controlled substances database.

121. **Prescription Drug Misuse** – to study prescription drug misuse and abuse, its impact on the state, and methods to reduce negative impacts.
162. **Substances Posing a Risk to Public Health** – to study the regulation of substances whose use poses a risk to human health when the substances become known during the interim between legislative sessions.

Mental Health

100. **Community Mental Health Treatment** – to study issues related to assertive community mental health treatment pilot program (H.B. 234).
125. **Utah State Hospital Issues** – to study the relationship between the Utah State Hospital and local mental health authorities, the privatization of the Utah State Hospital, the future of the children's wing at the Utah State Hospital, and gaps in the community-based mental health system.

Miscellaneous

122. **Second Parent Adoption** – to study second parent adoption in limited circumstances (H.B. 108).
124. **Supervision of Cosmetic Procedures** – to study the medical supervision of cosmetic medical procedures.
163. **Tobacco and Nicotine Candy** – to study whether to ban tobacco and nicotine candy (H.B. 170).

Receive Required Reports – to receive reports required by 2011 legislation or statute and consider whether the reporting requirements should be continued, modified, or repealed.

Utah Commission on Aging – to conduct a sunset review of the Utah Commission on Aging.

Sincerely,



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Paul Ray, House Chair
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