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President Wayne L. Niederhauser, Chair
Speaker Rebecca D. Lockhart, Vice Chair
Legislative Management Committee
State Capitol Complex
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Subject: 2013 Interim Study Topics—Health and Human Services

President Niederhauser and Speaker Lockhart:

We respectfully request the Legislative Management Committee's approval of the following 2013 interim study schedule for the Health and Human Services Interim Committee. Numbered items are from the Master Study Resolution and were assigned to the committee by the Legislative Management Committee in April.

I. STUDIED IN MAY

Update on State and Federal Health Care Reform

Electronic Cigarettes - Risks and Regulation of E-cigarettes. (Ray)

90. **Community Health Workers** - considered the establishment of standards for community health workers (2013 S.B. 85, "Community Health Worker Program"). (Robles)
97. **Long-term Care Insurance** - briefed on the use of a Medicaid state plan amendment to allow purchasers of long-term care insurance to receive an offset for the value of the insurance when applying for Medicaid. (Weiler)
93. **Controlled Substance Database – Interstate Data Sharing** - Updated on the state's implementation of a memorandum of understanding with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy to participate in the board's PMP Interconnect program, a program that facilitates the sharing of prescription monitoring program (controlled substance database) information among states. (Redd)
94. **Controlled Substance Database – Prescriber Alerts** - studied whether prescription drug prescribers should receive an alert from the state's controlled substance database when a patient is obtaining prescriptions for controlled substances from more than one prescriber. (Redd)

II. SCHEDULED FOR JUNE

Update on State and Federal Health Care Reform

89. **Adoption Records Access** - to study amending the procedures for disclosing information in an adoption record (2nd Sub. H.B. 148). **(Nielson)**
4. **Putative Father Registry and Compact** - to study the creation of a national putative father registry and compact through the Utah Legal Notices website. **(Robles)**
This study is also addressed by the following statutory requirement:
"...The state registrar appointed under Subsection (1)(e) shall, during the 2013 interim, report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee on the feasibility of partnering with the public legal notice website described in Subsection 45-1-101(2)(b) to create a national putative father registry." (2013 S.B. 282, "Adoption Notification Requirements")

III. TO BE STUDIED JULY – NOVEMBER

AUTISM

87. **Autism** - to study autism funding. **(Shiozawa)**

CHILD CARE

88. **Child Care Provider Background Checks** - to study whether to require a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) background check for all licensed, and license-exempt, child care providers. **(Cosgrove)**
89. **Child Care Stipends** - to study the matching of Department of Defense requirements so service members can use their child care stipends. **(Cosgrove)**

CHILD WELFARE

Child Welfare Parental Defense Program - "The Health and Human Services Interim Committee shall, during the 2013 interim, study whether statewide practice standards should be implemented to assist the Child Welfare Parental Defense Program with its mission to provide legal services to indigent parents whose children are in the custody of the division." **(2013 S.B. 255, "Human Services Amendments")**

MEDICAID

98. **Medicaid and Health Insurance for Legal Immigrant Children** - to study amendments to the Medical Assistance Act and the Utah Children's Health Insurance Act to provide Medicaid coverage and health insurance for legal immigrant children regardless of the length of time the child has been in the United States (2012 General Session S.B. 41). **(Redd)**

99. **Medicaid Cost Control** - to study changes to the Medicaid drug program to create Medicaid drug cost savings (2012 General Session S.B. 85). **(Redd)**
105. **Patient Information Protection Amendments** - to study a requirement that certain health care providers that enter into a provider agreement with the state Medicaid program must purchase insurance that would cover a health data breach, and a requirement that certain coverage requirements must be maintained by the provider (1st Sub. S.B. 227). **(Urquhart)**
106. **Preferred Drug List for Mental Illness** - to study a Medicaid preferred drug list for treatment of mental illness. **(Redd)**

MENTAL HEALTH

91. **Community Mental Health Funding** - to study access to mental health services for those without Medicaid. This has become a problem due to regulations that are leading community mental health centers to become exclusively Medicaid providers and leaves those without Medicaid few options and poor mental health care. **(Redd)**
92. **Consequences of Current Community Mental Health Funding Structure** - to study the current funding structure of community mental health centers. Due to these funding structures, community mental health centers are being "forced" or incentivized to provide expensive care and provide care only to Medicaid recipients. The centers are unable to continue to provide mental health care to all of the community, which forces low income individuals to go on Medicaid, and to stay on Medicaid, to obtain services. **(Redd)**

OBESITY

103. **Obesity** - to study policies that could be implemented by state and local governments, in partnership with the private sector, to effectively support healthy lifestyle choices and reduce obesity. **(Ray)**

PHARMACEUTICALS

95. **Dispensing of Prescription Drugs by Medical Practitioners** - to study the dispensing of prescription drugs by medical practitioners, including the creation of "dispensing medical practitioner" as a license classification (S.B. 280). **(Senate Health and Human Services Standing Committee and Vickers)**
96. **Electronic Prescribing and Monitoring Systems** - to study an electronic prescribing system that utilizes a prescriber's biometric signature, like a fingerprint, in lieu of a handwritten signature or password for prescription authentication, and study a secure, real-time monitoring system that utilizes a patient's biometric signature to instantly alert medication prescribers and pharmacists if the medication to be prescribed or dispensed

conflicts with the patient's medication history or if a patient should not yet need more medication. **(Ray)**

102. **Narcolepsy Drugs** - to study whether to authorize prescriptions for 90-day supplies of dextroamphetamine sulphate when it is used for treatment of narcolepsy. **(Arent)**
107. **Prescription Abuse** - to study issues related to prescription medication not being used as prescribed. **(V. Peterson)**
108. **Prescription Drug Abuse and Disposal** - to study ways to prevent drug abuse by young people and ways to promote prescription drug disposal when taking medication is no longer necessary. **(Perry)**

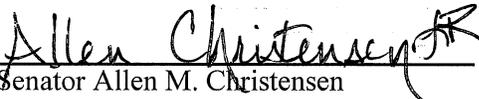
OTHER

Two sunset reviews (the Utah Health Data Authority and the Health Care Compact) assigned by the Legislative Management Committee.

Health and Human Services reports to the committee required by statute (there are approximately 24).

Provide updates on state and federal Health Care Reform.

Sincerely,



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Interim Committee



Representative Paul Ray
House Chair,
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Interim Committee