

Street Medicine Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Tyler Clancy

Senate Sponsor: Keith Grover

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill addresses street medicine.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- directs the University of Utah Health to study the feasibility of providing a street medicine program;
- requires reporting;
- requires the Department of Health and Human Services (the department) to develop a guide for street medicine providers;
- grants the department rulemaking authority; and
- defines terms.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

26B-4-327, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **26B-4-327** is enacted to read:

26B-4-327 . Street medicine.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Street medicine" means health care that is provided by a licensed health care provider, who conducts patient visits outside of a health care facility, clinic, or shelter to an individual experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

(b)(i) "Unsheltered homelessness" means not having a long-term or permanent

31 structure in which to live.

32 (ii) "Unsheltered homelessness" may include sleeping in a vehicle, abandoned
33 building, farm, wilderness, street, park, or encampment.

34 (2) A person providing street medicine shall not engage in conduct that requires a license
35 under Title 58, Occupations and Professions, unless the person holds the applicable
36 license.

37 (3)(a) The University of Utah Health, in consultation with existing street medicine
38 providers, shall study the feasibility of establishing a street medicine program to
39 serve Davis, Salt Lake, and Utah counties.

40 (b) The University of Utah Health shall provide a written report with findings and
41 recommendations to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee on or before
42 August 31, 2027.

43 (4) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
44 department may make rules permitting the department to share certain health
45 information with the Utah Homeless Management Information System, described in
46 Section 35A-16-202.

47 (5) On or before July 1, 2026, the department shall, with the input of organizations
48 currently delivering street medicine, develop and publish guidelines, standards, and best
49 practices for street medicine providers, including:

50 (a) recommended procedures relating to Medicaid coverage and reimbursement; and

51 (b) available community resources that serve individuals experiencing homelessness.

52 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

53 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.