Federal Health Care Reform & Implications for the State of Utah

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Federal Legislation

• HR 3590, Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act
• HR 4872, Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010
Implications for the State of Utah

- Costs associated with the implementation of new rules and regulations for state agencies and departments
- Changes to Medicaid and state/federal match rates
- Impacts to the Public Employees Health Program
- Potential statutory changes associated with implementation
- Indirect costs/savings

Immediate Provisions for 2010

June
- Establishes an Interim High Risk Insurance Pool Program
- Establishes a Temporary Reinsurance Program for Early Retirees

September, some highlights
- Prohibits pre-existing condition exclusions on kids
- Prohibits lifetime limits on coverage
- Up to age 26 on parents’ insurance
Agencies Impacted

- Public Employees Health Program
- Department of Insurance
- Department of Health
- Governors Office of Economic Development

Tracking Impacts

- Follow state implementation and fiscal impact through established processes:
  - Highlight health reform grants in federal grant review process
  - Track Medicaid changes through existing state plan change notifications
  - Appropriations requests and subcommittee meetings.
Questions?