



Straight Facts

about Utah Health Care Association's proposal for a funding increase:

ITEMIZED BUDGET:

- ◆ Utah's Skilled Nursing Homes need \$2 million in on-going state general funds to replace the \$2 million in one-time funding appropriated by the 2014 Legislature.
- ◆ Securing this \$2 million in on-going funding is critical for Utah's long-term care providers to be able to maintain existing funding and sustain the program improvements, increased staffing and quality of life enhancements that were initiated with last year's one-time funding.
- ◆ To *not* receive this \$2 million in on-going funding will result in a devastating funding cut to Utah's providers.
- ◆ When Utah's Skilled Nursing homes received the \$2 million in one-time state general funds last year, that money generated \$4.8 million in matching federal dollars, creating a total of \$6.8 million which funded the rate increase for providers of approximately 3.8 percent. This rate increase reduced the Medicaid payment shortfall to \$13.00* per patient day (per person, per day) from the previous shortfall of \$20.00 per patient day.

MEASURING SUCCESS:

When we receive the requested \$2 million in on-going state general funds, Utah's Skilled Nursing Home Providers will:

- ◆ Be able to maintain last year's critical but temporary funding relief (of a 3.8 percent increase) to Utah's Skilled Nursing Homes that provide 24-hour care to our state's most fragile citizens- our frail elderly;
- ◆ Be able to maintain the increase in the assessment cap (maximum funds available through the provider assessment);
- ◆ Be able to once again self-fund rate increases (as needed) through the provider assessment for the next 2 - 4 years.

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