



REVIEW OF STATUTORILY-REQUIRED REPORTS

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
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ISSUE BRIEF

SUMMARY

The Fiscal Analyst and state agencies recommend removing two reports required in statute that go to the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee. Any changes to these reporting requirements must be done via legislation. The Speaker of the House and President of the Senate sent letters in July 2015 directing all appropriations subcommittees to review the relevancy of all statutorily-required reports.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Fiscal Analyst and state agencies recommend removing two of fourteen reports required in statute to go to the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee:

- 1) Autism Treatment Account Advisory Committee in UCA 26-52-202
- 2) Respite Care Assistance Fund in UCA 62A-1-119(9)

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Summary

The Speaker of the House and President of the Senate sent letters in July 2015 directing all appropriations subcommittees to review the relevancy of all statutorily-required reports. The direction stated: “We...ask that you look at all...reports that apply to your subcommittee. Of these, decide...which reports you no longer see as necessary or of sufficient value. We then ask that you prepare a bill that will eliminate the...report from statute.” The table below contains the list of two reports recommended for removal as well as ten reports recommend to be kept.

Report	State Statute	Agency Responsible	Recommended Action
Autism Treatment Account Advisory Committee	26-52-202	Health	Remove
Respite Care Assistance Fund	62A-1-119(9)	Human Services	Remove
Medicaid Efficiency, Cost Avoidance, and Internal Auditing Report	26-18-2.3	Health	Keep
Implementation of Improved Provider Payment Controls	26-18-604	Health	Keep
Medicaid State Plan Amendments	26-18-3	Health	Keep
Tobacco Prevention and Control in Utah	51-9-203(3)	Health	Keep
Extrapolation as a Method of Auditing Claims	26-18-20	Health	Keep
Traumatic Brain Injury Fund	26-50-202	Health	Keep
Traumatic Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Rehabilitation Fund	26-54-103	Health	Keep
Rule Changes Affecting Cash Assistance Amounts Provided	35A-3-302(8)	Workforce Services	Keep
Performance Monitoring System for Cash Assistance	35A-3-313	Workforce Services	Keep
Community Services Block Grant	35A-8-1006	Workforce Services	Keep
Intergenerational Poverty Report	35A-9-201	Workforce Services	Keep
Division of Child and Family Services describing the difference between actual performance and performance goals for the prior fiscal year	62A-4a-117 (4)	Human Services	Keep
Total	14		

Two Reports Recommended for Removal

1. **Autism Treatment Account Advisory Committee**
(http://health.utah.gov/legislativereports/2014ATALegislativeReport_final.pdf) – UCA 26-52-202 requires an annual report on the activities of the Autism Treatment Account Advisory Committee.
 - a. Health: “Autism Treatment Account has not been funded for two years now. The report is obsolete and should be removed as a require[d] report.”
2. **Respite Care Assistance Fund** (<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2015/pdf/00000453.pdf>) – UCA 62A-1-119(9) requires the Department of Human Services to make an annual report to the appropriate appropriations subcommittee of the Legislature regarding the status of the fund, including a report on the contributions received, expenditures made, and programs and services funded. In response to an in-depth budget review, the fund was made inactive given there has not been any significant fund activity since its creation.

Ten Reports Recommended for Keeping

1. **Medicaid Efficiency, Cost Avoidance, and Internal Auditing Report**
(<https://medicaid.utah.gov/Documents/pdfs/legislative%20reports/social%20services%20appropriations/2014%20Increased%20Medicaid%20Efficiencies.pdf>) - UCA 26-18-2.3 requires an annual report by December 31st.
2. **Implementation of Improved Provider Payment Controls**
(https://medicaid.utah.gov/Documents/pdfs/legislative%20reports/social%20services%20appropriations/2014_Payments.pdf) - UCA 26-18-604 directs that the Department of Health report annually on its recovery of improper payments to providers in its Medicaid program.
3. **Medicaid State Plan Amendments** (<https://medicaid.utah.gov/Legislative-Reports>) - UCA 26-18-3 directs the Department to report to the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee when beginning or changing waivers, Medicaid State Plan, or rate changes that require public notice.
4. **Tobacco Prevention and Control in Utah**
(<http://www.tobaccofreeutah.org/pdfs/tpcfy15report.pdf>) - UCA 51-9-203(3) requires the Department of Health to report on reviews conducted of programs that received tobacco money funding.
5. **Extrapolation as a Method of Auditing Claims** - UCA 26-18-20 directs: “If the department...intends to implement the use of extrapolation as a method of auditing claims, the department shall, prior to adopting the extrapolation method of auditing, report its intent to use extrapolation to the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee.”
6. **Traumatic Brain Injury Fund**
(<http://health.utah.gov/legislativereports/FY14TBIFundReport.pdf>) – UCA 26-50-202 directs: “Not later than November 30 of each year the committee shall provide a written report summarizing the activities of the committee”
7. **Traumatic Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Rehabilitation Fund**
(http://health.utah.gov/legislativereports/SCI&TBIRehabFund_SFY2014.pdf) – UCA 26-54-103 directs: “submit an annual report, not later than November 30 of each year, summarizing the activities of the advisory committee and making recommendations regarding the ongoing needs of people with spinal cord or brain injuries”

8. **Rule Changes Affecting Cash Assistance Amounts Provided** - UCA 35A-3-302(8) requires the Department of Workforce Services to report the Executive Appropriations Committee or the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee before the implementation of any proposed rule change that would modify the eligibility requirements or the amount of cash assistance a family would be eligible to receive. The Department has the option to use the Notice of Proposed Rule Amendment form filed with the Division of Administrative Rules as its report so long as the notice contains all the information required.
9. **Performance Monitoring System for Cash Assistance**
(<http://jobs.utah.gov/edo/annreport/annualreport2014.pdf>) - UCA 35A-3-313 requires an annual report by November 1 on the performance monitoring system used for cash assistance.
10. **Community Services Block Grant**
(<http://jobs.utah.gov/housing/scso/csbg/documents/csbgannualoutcomes.pdf>) - UCA 35A-8-1006 requires an annual report after each federal fiscal year the outcomes of programs supported by Community Services Block Grant funds.
11. **Intergenerational Poverty Report** (<http://jobs.utah.gov/edo/intergenerational/igp14.pdf>) - UCA 35A-9-201 states: "The department shall...include in the annual written report described in Section 35A-1-109, a report on the data, findings, and potential uses of the tracking system."
12. **Division of Child and Family Services Report**
(<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2015/pdf/00000453.pdf>) - UCA 62A-1-119(9) states, "Before January 1 each year the director shall submit a written report to the Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel and the Joint Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee" describing the difference between actual performance and performance goals for the prior fiscal year.