

# Value-Based Care and the Utah Sustainable Health Collaborative

Utah is facing a crisis of financial sustainability related to rising healthcare costs and declining health outcomes. The traditional healthcare payment system is not designed to incentivize keeping people healthy, and individual organizations cannot impact system-wide change on their own. A collaborative, public-private entity focussed on action is needed to tackle the growth of healthcare costs and improve quality outcomes for all Utahns.

## How it impacts Utah:

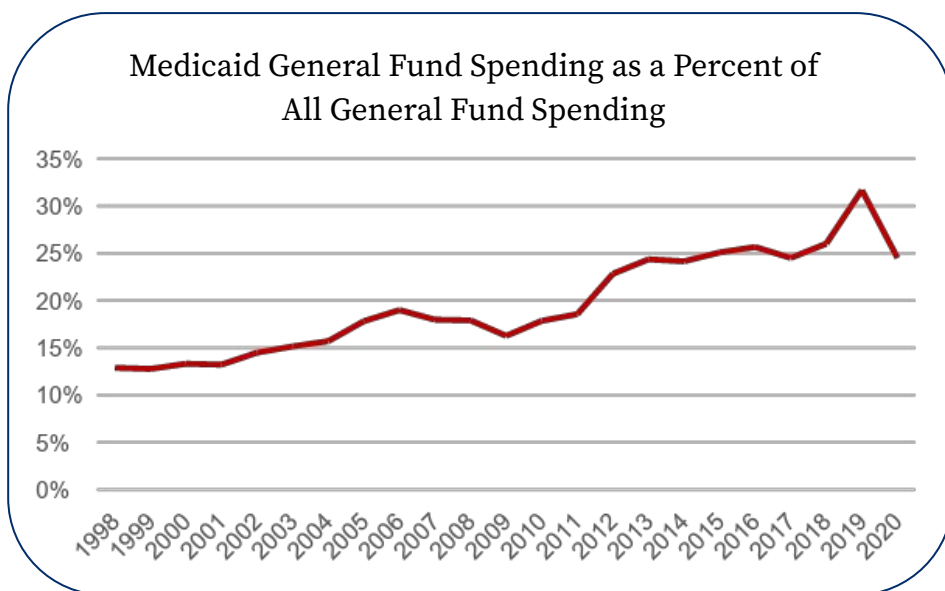
The Utah Sustainable Health Collaborative will help transform Utah's healthcare system to improve outcomes and reduce costs. This Collaborative will drive a reduction in the growth of healthcare costs as a % of Utah GDP while maintaining quality outcomes for all Utahns.



## How it impacts costs:

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Since 2010, Utahns' average **insurance premium growth has outpaced wages by 17%**, equating \$612 million per year in additional premium costs shouldered by employees and their employers



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## How the Utah Sustainable Health Collaborative will impact health:

1. **Innovate:** Pilot demonstration initiatives and scale them across public and private parties
2. **Convene:** Convene stakeholders to align on goals and metrics
3. **Support:** Support lower-resourced providers in transformation activities.
4. **Recommend:** Identify and suggest policy changes that will enable continuous innovation