



# Meeting Outline

[Health and Human Services Interim Committee](#) | September 16, 2025

## Health and Human Services Interim Committee

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Room 30 House Building**

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### AGENDA OVERVIEW

1. Committee Business
2. Office of Homeless Services Update
3. Health Plan Provider Directory Amendments
4. Utah Commission on Aging Sunset Amendments
5. Performance Audit of the All-Payers Claims Database
6. Rural Health Transformation Program
7. Dental Care for Medicaid Patients
8. Other Committee Business/Adjourn

Approximate  
Time Frame

#### 8:35      **1. Committee Business**

##### Background

- Minutes: [Draft minutes](#) of the August 2025, meeting
- Reports (received since the committee's last meeting)
  - o [Electronic Cigarette, Marijuana, and Other Drug Prevention Grant Program Report](#)
  - o [Fatality Review Committee Executive Summary](#)
  - o [Federal Benefits for Minors in Custody Report](#)
  - o [State Hospital Report Regarding Staffed Beds and Employee Pay](#)

##### Presenters

- Chair Hall

##### Potential Action

- Approve minutes

#### 8:40      **2. Office of Homeless Services Update**

##### Background

The committee will be briefed on the funding allocated to the Utah Office of Homeless Services, how resources have been invested to address homelessness across the state, the outcome of those investments, and the Office's priorities and plans for future use of funding.



#### Presenters

- Randy Shumway, Chair, Utah Homeless Services Board
- Wayne Niederhauser, Office of Homeless Services
- Nick Coleman, Office of Homeless Services

#### Potential Action

- Request follow-up information
- Request legislation

9:00

### 3. Health Plan Provider Directory Amendments

#### Background

As follow-up to its May meeting and requests for committee bills, the committee will consider draft bills requested by the committee and whether to recommend each one, with or without amendment, for further consideration by the Legislature.

#### Presenters

**DRAFT LEGISLATION** (*forthcoming*): Health Plan Provider Amendments (Bill file requested by the committee)

- Representative Steve Eliason

#### Public Comment

The chair may not take comment from a member of the public unless the individual provides the individual's legal name and the entity they represent, if any, and if the individual is participating via Zoom, the individual states their place of residence and their video is enabled.

#### Potential Action

- Request follow-up information
- Recommend draft legislation, with or without amendment

9:20

### 4. Utah Commission on Aging Sunset Amendments

#### Background

The committee will consider draft legislation that modifies the sunset date for the Utah Commission on Aging.

#### Presenters

**DRAFT LEGISLATION** (*forthcoming*): Utah Commission on Aging Sunset Amendments

- Senator Karen Kwan

#### Public Comment

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#### Potential Action

- Request follow-up information
- Recommend draft legislation, with or without amendment



9:40

## 5. Performance Audit of the All-Payers Claims Database

### Background

At the Tuesday, August 19, 2025, meeting of the Legislative Audit Subcommittee, the Office of the Legislative Auditor General (OLAG) presented Report No. [2025-14](#) "A Performance Audit of the All-Payers Claims Database." At that meeting, and in accordance with UCA 36-12-8, the HHS Interim Committee was assigned to be the lead review committee for the audit.

### Presenters

- Nick Varney, Legislative Audit Methodologist
- Leah Blevins, Audit Manager, OLAG
- Tracy Gruber, Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services
- Kyle Lundt, Director of Data, Systems & Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services

### Potential Action

- Request follow-up information
- Request legislation

10:10

## 6. Rural Health Transformation Program

### Background

H.R. 1, known as "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," established the Rural Health Transformation Program and contained a \$50 billion appropriation to provide grants to states to enhance rural healthcare access, infrastructure, and workforce development.

Representatives of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will brief the committee on efforts related to the development of Utah's rural health transformation plan, the timeline for plan submission, and other related information.

#### Resources:

- [Utah DHHS Website: Rural Health Transformation Program](#)
- [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Website: Rural Health Transformation Program](#)

### Presenters

- Ashley Moretz, Deputy Division Director – Population Health, Department of Health and Human Services
- Ronak Iqbal, MD, Medical Director – Medicaid, Department of Health and Human Services

### Potential Action

- Request follow-up information
- Request legislation



10:35

## 7. Dental Care for Medicaid Patients

### Background

States are required to cover dental services for people with Medicaid under the age of 21 as part of the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit. Dental care for adults is an optional service that state Medicaid programs can elect to provide, and, over the past 10 years, Utah has incrementally expanded the Medicaid dental benefit to extend to additional Medicaid populations, including blind and disabled adults ([2016](#)), individuals receiving treatment for a substance use disorder ([2018](#)), aged individuals ([2019](#)), and adult expansion ([2023](#)).

Currently, Utah Medicaid contracts with two managed care dental plans for children and pregnant women – MCNA and Premier Access. With some exceptions, the rest of the state’s Medicaid population receives dental benefits through fee-for-service in coordination with the University of Utah School of Dentistry, which manages the dental provider network.

During the 2025 Legislative Session, the Utah Legislature passed intent language ([S.B. 2](#)) to move all dental managed care services to fee-for-service in coordination with the University of Utah managed network. Financial information is available on the Legislative Fiscal Analyst’s COBI page for “[Shift Medicaid Dental All to University of Utah.](#)”

Representatives of the University of Utah School of Dentistry will brief the committee on the progress of Medicaid dental benefits in the state of Utah.

### Presenters

- James H. Bekker, DMD, Associate Dean of Professional, Community and Strategic Relations at University of Utah School of Dentistry (UUSOD)

### Potential Action

- Request follow-up information
- Request legislation

11:00

## 8. Other Items/Adjourn