



Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

This request funds One Utah Health Collaborative to provide independent, data-driven analysis using the Utah All Payer Claims Database, data from stakeholders and other state data assets to measure total health care spending growth and identify primary cost drivers attributable to price and utilization. The project will improve transparency of emergency department utilization, including inappropriate use, and support provider organization and health system level performance analysis. This will include specific services level price information to enable employer and consumer engagement in choice for health care services. It will also provide analytic support and subject matter expertise to the Utah Behavioral Health Commission, including evaluation of behavioral health payment parity and access to behavioral health providers. The resulting reports and dashboards will support legislative oversight, policy development, and public transparency.

Legislative designee contact information:

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Position: Managing Partner

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

| Category | One-time | Ongoing |
|--------------------|----------|---------|
| Personnel Services | 2026: | \$0.00 |
| | 2027: | \$0.00 |
| | | \$0.00 |



Utah Health Care Transparency

Social Services

| Category | One-time | Ongoing | |
|------------------------------------|----------|--------------|--------|
| In-State Travel | 2026: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | 2027: | \$0.00 | |
| Out-of-State Travel | 2026: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | 2027: | \$0.00 | |
| Supplies and Equipment | 2026: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | 2027: | \$0.00 | |
| Technology Purchases | 2026: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | 2027: | \$470,000.00 | |
| Infrastructure/Capital Investments | 2026: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | 2027: | \$0.00 | |
| Other Charges/Pass Thru | 2026: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | 2027: | \$0.00 | |

Expenditure Total

| One-time 2026 | One-time 2027 | Ongoing 2027 |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| \$0.00 | \$470,000.00 | \$0.00 |

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

| | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| 2026 (One-time) | \$0.00 |
| 2027 (One-time) | \$470,000.00 |
| 2027 (Ongoing) | \$0.00 |

Revenue Total



| One-time 2026 | One-time 2027 | Ongoing 2027 |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| \$0.00 | \$470,000.00 | \$0.00 |

Is this a multi-year project?

No

Is this project scalable if the Legislature does not fund the full requested amount?

Yes

A short explanation describing how the project might be scaled?

If partial funding is provided, the project would prioritize core analytic products, including the Total Health Care Spending Growth Report and a limited version of the Cost Driver Dashboard. Additional components such as expanded provider-level analysis, behavioral health parity assessment, and enhanced public-facing visualization could be phased in as resources allow. Staffing and data acquisition would be scaled proportionally while maintaining methodological rigor.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Health and Wellbeing

01938

Agency:

250 / Department of Health and Human Services

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

Private Not for Profit

Grant recipient

No

Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient



Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

Who would benefit the most from this request (who is the target audience)?

Utah Legislature, Utah Behavioral Health Commission, state agencies, health care providers, payers, and the public, with statewide impact on patients and policymakers through improved cost transparency and cost accountability.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

The project will produce a comprehensive annual report quantifying total health care spending growth in Utah and identifying cost drivers by price and utilization. It will deliver a public-facing interactive dashboard enabling analysis by payer, region, provider, demographics, and service category. The effort will improve understanding of inappropriate emergency department utilization and variation in provider organization level and health system level procedure costs. It will also assess behavioral health payment parity at payer level and behavioral health provider access, informing workforce and network adequacy policy.

How will the Legislature know whether the project or program achieved its intended purpose?

Success will be demonstrated by the publication of the ongoing statewide Total Health Care Spending Growth Report, publication of the ongoing Cost Driver Analysis Dashboard within 12 months. Additional measures include completion of ED utilization analyses, provider-level procedure cost variation reports, and a behavioral health parity and access assessment. Legislative and commission use of these products for hearings, policy development, and public reporting will indicate effective impact.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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