



# Access to anti-obesity medication (AOM) cost savings in Medicaid

Social Services

## Requester Information

**Legislator Name:** McCay, Daniel

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## Section 1: Requester Details

### Description:

Obesity is a critical public health issue. This request is to cover AOM's for certain Medicaid members with a BMI over 30% and other associated health risks. Covering this group will cost approximately \$1.4 million in total funds with \$298,200 of that amount coming from state funds.

### Legislative designee contact information:

**Name:** Dave Moody

**Organization:** Novo Nordisk

**Position:** Manager

## Section 2: Funding Information

### How will the appropriation be used?

Category	One-time	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00
In-State Travel	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00
Out-of-State Travel	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00
Supplies and Equipment	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$100,000.00



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Technology Purchases	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
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	\$100,000.00	\$0.00

## Funding Sources:

### General Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	\$0.00
2027 (One-time)	\$100,000.00
2027 (Ongoing)	\$0.00

## Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$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 funding is limited, other options will be considered.

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## Section 3: Agency Information

**Subjects:**

Health and Wellbeing

**Agency:**

250 / Department of Health and Human Services

**Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:**

State Government

**Grant recipient**

No

**Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient**

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## Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

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

Utahns will have better health outcomes and Utah will save money in the Medicaid budget.

**What is this project or program intended to accomplish?**

By making these weight loss tools to Medicaid recipients, there will be savings to the Medicaid fund in lower healthcare costs.



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

Continued access to AOMs in Utah should result in cost offsets in the near-term. Research suggests that these cost offsets can occur even at the 1-year mark. A study presented at Obesity Week 2025 demonstrated that patients with multiple chronic diseases taking a branded anti-obesity medication demonstrated \$3,870 in medical cost offsets within 1 year of treatment initiation. These cost offsets were primarily driven by a 1/3 reduction in inpatient visits.

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## Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

**Intent Language Documents**

**Previous Funding Documents**

**Full Time Employees**

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