

Request: \$470,000 One-time FY27 General Fund towards Transparency Efforts

Background and Purpose

The One Utah Health Collaborative (the Collaborative) is a public-private partnership initiated by Governor Spencer Cox to address healthcare affordability through data-driven transparency and coordinated action. We convene executive leaders from major payers, providers, employers, and government for measurable accountability on healthcare cost growth and quality.

Today, the Collaborative is actively executing state-aligned initiatives across behavioral health, Medicaid modernization, disease prevention, and digital health exchange.

Since inception, the Collaborative has intentionally narrowed the role of state funding, transitioning pilot activity to private and philanthropic support while reserving public investment for shared transparency infrastructure that benefits all stakeholders and protects taxpayer value.

Active Collaborative Initiatives
Supporting the Utah Behavioral Health Commission with data measurement
Supporting DHHS and rural communities with rural health transformation strategy
Supporting Medicaid in navigating work requirements implementation
Supporting Medicaid in implementing real-time prior authorization
Assessing medical record exchange status and piloting improvements
Preventing disease through multi-stakeholder cancer screening

Transparency Tied to Action

This request supports core transparency infrastructure that cannot be funded privately and directly enables state policy objectives. Affordability is the central challenge the Legislature charged the Collaborative to address, and transparency is the primary lever for doing so.

Importantly, the Collaborative has already built a strong foundation through healthcare spending growth tracking and cost driver analysis. This request allows the state to continue, deepen, and operationalize that work, translating existing data into actionable insights tied to affordability, access, and accountability.

Read our 2025 Utah Spending Growth Report



Active Transparency Initiatives	New Initiatives
Tracking healthcare spending growth	Price transparency for top procedures at health system level
Utilizing the All Payer Claims Database for identifying cost drivers	Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) Financial Mapping
Analyze and reduce Emergency Department utilization and pricing	Behavioral Health Payment and Access Parity Analysis

Other Collaborative Data Resources

[Utah Cost Driver Analysis Dashboard](#)

This dashboard shows how Utah healthcare dollars are spent and how costs can be reduced, with the goal of improving transparency and affordability. This dashboard identifies high use services, healthcare treatment patterns, and price trends. The data comes from the All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) and CMS Medicare database, which includes commercial, Medicaid, and Medicare insurance plans from 2019-2024



[HEDIS/CAHPS Dashboard](#)

The Healthcare Effectiveness Data Information Set (HEDIS) and Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) dashboard provides easy comparison of health performance trends, and performance metrics including patient access, provider communication, care coordination and overall satisfaction of Utah health plans from 2019-2024



[Utah's Trust and Cost Survey Findings](#)

The Utah Trust and Cost survey was conducted to better understand Utah's perspectives toward the Utah Healthcare System, and asked questions regarding use of the healthcare system, financial barriers related to healthcare usage, and trust in the healthcare system. According to the survey, 83% of Utahns believe the healthcare system needs reform, asking for a system that is easy to navigate without care gaps, and that prioritizes accountability and transparency through all levels of the system



[GLP-1](#)

This research report analyzes the trends in GLP-1 use across Utah's healthcare markets, including per member cost growth and total cost impact by payer segment. It also outlines actionable strategies that payers, providers, and health systems can leverage to manage access, affordability, and long-term cost sustainability.



[Specialty Drugs](#)

The High Spend Drug Report uses data from the All-Payer Claims Database to analyze and understand what prescription drugs are driving high cost, how utilization has changed over time, and identify areas of cost control. Some areas for cost control include identifying biosimilars and therapeutic alternatives to high-cost drugs. The report found that prescription drug spending has increased nationally, and in Utah specifically, medications for inflammatory conditions, GLP-1s, anticoagulants, and insulin are in the highest drug spend categories.

