



Meeting Outline

[Health and Human Services Interim Committee](#) | Revised May 15, 2026

Health and Human Services Interim Committee

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

1:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Room 30 House Building

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AGENDA OVERVIEW

1. Committee Business
2. 2026 Interim Study Plan
3. Sunset Reviews
4. Statutory Reports
5. A Performance Audit of the Utah Medical Cannabis Program
6. A Performance Audit of Utah’s Behavioral Health Beds Along the Continuum of Care
7. Healthcare Workforce – Addressing Preceptor Shortages
8. Satellite Emergency Department Review
9. Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services
10. Adjourn

Approximate
Time Frame

1:20 **1. Committee Business**

Background

- Minutes: Draft minutes of the [November 2025](#) meeting
- Schedule: [2026 Interim Schedule](#) (Source: Legislative Management Committee)
- 2026 General Session Legislation Related to Health and Human Services (Source: OLRGC) (*forthcoming*)
- Reports (received since the committee’s last meeting)
 - o [Controlled Substances Advisory Committee Report](#)
 - o [Health Insurance Market Evaluation](#)
 - o [In Vitro Fertilization and Genetic Testing Coverage Report](#)
 - o [Pharmacist Prescribing Report](#)

Presenters

- Chair Hall

Potential Action

- Approve minutes



1:25 **2. 2026 Interim Study Plan**

Background

The committee will review a draft study plan for the 2026 interim. In accordance with [JR7-1401\(3\)](#), the committee will, “adopt a list of interim study items during the interim committee’s first meeting....” The committee may, “by majority vote, modify or add to the list of study items [provided by the Legislative Management Committee]....” Additionally, under [JR7-1-602\(1\)](#), the committee may, by majority vote, “...authorize the committee chairs to independently open one or more committee bill files throughout the interim period if...the subject matter of each committee bill file opened by the chairs is directly related to...a study item on the list adopted by the interim committee...or...a subject or issue that is expressly stated in the motion....”

- [Approved 2026 Interim Study Items](#) (Source: Legislative Management Committee)

Presenters

- Chair Hall

Potential Action

- Discuss, amend, and/or approve the draft interim study plan
- Authorize committee chairs to open bill files

1:40 **3. Sunset Reviews**

Background

The committee will receive a brief introduction to the legislative sunset process and an overview of the sunset reviews assigned to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee by the Legislative Management Committee for 2026.

- [Approved 2026 List of Sunset Review Assignments](#) (Source: Legislative Management Committee)

Presenters

- Seth Anderson, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel
 - o General Overview of Statutes Scheduled for Sunset (Source: OLRGC) *(forthcoming)*
 - o Detailed Overviews of Statutes Scheduled for Sunset (Source: OLRGC) *(forthcoming)*
 - Physicians Performing Certain Abortions Report
 - Utah Health Workforce Advisory Council
 - Coordinating Council for Persons with Disabilities
 - Medicaid Reimbursement for Diabetes Prevention Program
 - Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Board and Program
 - Certain Grants for First Responder Agencies
 - Drugs for Behavioral Health Treatment



1:55 **4. Statutory Reports**

Background

The committee will receive a brief update on statutory reports, including reports received since the last interim committee meeting and new reports added this year.

Presenters

- Lisa Sorensen, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

2:00 **5. A Performance Audit of the Utah Medical Cannabis Program**

Background

At the Tuesday, November 18, 2025, meeting of the Legislative Audit Subcommittee, the Office of the Legislative Auditor General (OLAG) presented Report No. 2025-26 "A Performance Audit of the Utah Medical Cannabis Program: A Review of Inspections, Enforcement, and Board Determinations." 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.

- [#2025-26, A Performance Audit of the Utah Medical Cannabis Program: A Review of Inspections, Enforcement, and Board Determinations](#). (Source: OLAG)

Presenters

- Jesse Martinson, Audit Manager, OLAG
- McKenzie Cantlon, Performance Audit Supervisor, OLAG
- Brandon Forsyth, Director, Specialized Products Division, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food

Potential Action

- For each recommendation to the Legislature, reach one of the following conclusions, or some combination of the three, by a motion and a vote:
 - o Draft legislation for the next legislative general session, if applicable;
 - o Conclude that the issues are significant but that more time is needed to develop solutions and consensus; or
 - o Conclude that there is insufficient committee support to study the issues further.
- For other (non-legislative) recommendations, determine whether appropriate action is being taken to address the audit findings.

2:20 **6. A Performance Audit of Utah’s Behavioral Health Beds Along the Continuum of Care**

Background

At the Thursday, April 16, 2026, meeting of the Legislative Audit Subcommittee, the Office of the Legislative Auditor General (OLAG) presented Report No. 2026-06 "A Performance Audit of Utah’s Behavioral Health Beds Along the Continuum of Care." 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.



- [#2026-06, A Performance Audit of Utah’s Behavioral Health Beds Along the Continuum of Care.](#) (Source: OLAG)

Presenters

- Leah Blevins, Audit Manager, OLAG
- Madison Hoover, Performance Audit Supervisor, OLAG
- Tonya Hales, Deputy Director of DHHS
- Eric Tadehara, Director, Office of Substance Use and Mental Health

Potential Action

- For each recommendation to the Legislature, reach one of the following conclusions, or some combination of the three, by a motion and a vote:
 - o Draft legislation for the next legislative general session, if applicable;
 - o Conclude that the issues are significant but that more time is needed to develop solutions and consensus; or
 - o Conclude that there is insufficient committee support to study the issues further.
- For other (non-legislative) recommendations, determine whether appropriate action is being taken to address the audit findings.

2:40 **7. Healthcare Workforce – Addressing Preceptor Shortages**

Background

The Health Workforce Advisory Council (HWAC) has identified a shortage of clinical preceptors as a problem in Utah’s health workforce. In 2024, the HWAC prioritized studying this problem and produced a report titled [“Bridging the Gap: Clinical Preceptors for Physicians and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses in Utah.”](#) In addition to the main report, the HWAC produced a report titled [“Building the Bridge: Recommendation Development Process and Supporting Research,”](#) as well as a document summarizing a recommendation for a [Utah Clinical Preceptor Stipend Program.](#)

During the 2026 General Session, the Legislature considered [HB 359, Health Care Preceptor Amendments,](#) which would have implemented some of the recommendations from the HWAC.

The committee will hear from the HWAC about their work on this issue as well as representatives of physicians and educational organizations about addressing Utah’s preceptor shortages.

Presenters

- Heather Borski, Assistant Deputy Director, Department of Health and Human Services
- Teresa Garrett, DNP, University of Utah College of Nursing; member of Utah Health Workforce Advisory Council
- Lynsey Drew, DO, Dean and Chief Academic Officer, Noorda College of Osteopathic Medicine; President of Utah Academy of Family Physicians



Potential Action

- Request follow-up information
- Request legislation

3:00 **8. Satellite Emergency Department Review**

Background

During the 2025 General Session, the Legislature considered and passed [HB 152, Health Care Facilities Amendments](#). The bill established various requirements for satellite emergency departments including equipment and staffing standards, signage requirements, and operation limits for health care organizations.

The Department of Health and Human Services will provide an update on the status of satellite emergency departments and compliance with the provisions of HB 152.

Presenters

- Shannon Thoman-Black, Director, Office of Licensing and Background Checks
- Utah Hospital Association

Potential Action

- Request follow-up information
- Request legislation

3:20 **9. Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services**

Background

In accordance with [UCA 63A-13-502\(5\)\(a\)](#), the inspector general of Medicaid services is required to present information to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee at the first interim meeting each year on:

- fraud, waste, and abuse in the Medicaid program, including emerging trends of Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuse and the office's actions to identify and address the emerging trends; and
- investigations conducted by the office and the results of those investigations, including preliminary investigations.

Presenters

- Nate Checketts, Inspector General of Medicaid Services

Potential Action

- Request follow-up information
- Request legislation

3:45 **10. Adjourn**