



Meeting Outline

[Health and Human Services Interim Committee](#) | Revised June 12, 2026

Health and Human Services Interim Committee

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

1:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Room 30 House Building

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AGENDA OVERVIEW

1. Committee Business
2. Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services
3. Medicaid Skilled Nursing Facility Upper Payment Limit Program
4. Long Term Services and Supports Study
5. Medicaid and H.R. 1 Implementation
6. Child Mental Health Wait Times Study
7. Adjourn

Approximate
Time Frame

1:20 **1. Committee Business**

Background
- Minutes: Draft minutes of May 2026, meeting
- Reports (received since the committee’s last meeting)
o Electronic Cigarette Product Registry Report
o Mental Health Access Study

Presenters
- Chair Grover

Potential Action
- Approve minutes

1:25 **2. Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services**

Background
As follow up to the committee’s May interim meeting, and in accordance with UCA 63A-13-502(5) , the inspector general of Medicaid services will brief the committee 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

1:40 **3. Medicaid Skilled Nursing Facility Upper Payment Limit Program**

Background

Beginning in 2013, a growing number of Utah’s nursing homes have utilized a Medicaid funding program that increases reimbursement amounts for nursing homes owned by Non-State Government Entities (NSGEs). The program allows NSGEs to use seed money to draw down federal Medicaid dollars to close a gap in funding between what Medicaid reimburses versus what Medicare would reimburse for a comparable patient.

The committee will review Utah’s Medicaid Skilled Nursing Facility Upper Payment Limit Program and consider a recent audit of the program conducted by the Utah State Auditor.

- [Report No. 25-06: Medicaid Upper Payment Limit Supplement for Skilled Nursing Facilities - Audit Report](#) (Source: Office of the Utah State Auditor)
- [Long-Term Care Resources \(NFs and ICFs/ID\) Non-state Government Owned UPL Program](#) (Source: DHHS)
- [R414-505. Participation in the Nursing Facility Non-State Government-Owned Upper Payment Limit Program](#)
- [Utah Medicaid State Plan, Attachment 4.19-D, Nursing Home Reimbursement](#)
- [Medicaid Reimbursement Rate Comparative Analysis – Nursing and Intermediate Care Facilities. May 30, 2025.](#) (Source: Myers and Stauffer)

Presenters

- Seth Anderson, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel
 - o Overview of Upper Payment Limit Program (Source: OLRGC) (*forthcoming*)
- Tina Cannon, Utah State Auditor, and Seth Oveson, PhD, CPA, Local Government Manager
- Julie Ewing, State Medicaid Director, Department of Health and Human Services
- Blaine Bernard, Partner, Holland & Hart (representing Beaver Valley Hospital)
- Colin Delahunty, Executive Director, The Terrace Transitional

Potential Action

- Request follow-up information
- Request legislation



2:40 **4. Long Term Services and Supports Study**

Background

During the 2022 General Session, the legislature appropriated \$400,000 for a Long Term Services and Supports Service Array and Cost Study. The Department of Health and Human Services contracted with the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) to produce the study which was published in March 2026.

The committee will be briefed on the study, including findings and recommendations.

- [Long-Term Services and Supports Research Study](#) (Source: Department of Health and Human Services)
- [Long-Term Services and Supports Final Report](#) (Source: HSRI)
- [Long-Term Services and Supports Final Report One-Pager](#) (Source: HSRI)

Presenters

- Angie Pinna, Department of Health and Human Services

Potential Action

- Request follow-up information
- Request legislation

3:00 **5. Medicaid and H.R. 1 Implementation**

Background

The federal budget reconciliation bill, [H.R. 1](#) (known as the One Big Beautiful Bill Act), enacted on July 1, 2025, contained various changes to federal healthcare policies. Among other things, states are tasked with implementing provisions of the bill related to the Medicaid program, including, but not limited to, establishing work requirement processes, phasing down provider tax rates, and implementing changes to state directed payments.

The committee will be briefed by the Department of Health and Human Services on the status of implementing program changes.

Presenters

- Julie Ewing, State Medicaid Director, Department of Health and Human Services

Potential Action

- Request follow-up information
- Request legislation



3:25 **6. Child Mental Health Wait Times Study**

Background

During the 2025 General Session, the legislature passed [HB 365, Mental Health Care Study Amendments](#), which charged the Department of Health and Human Services with the duty of commissioning a study of wait times and barriers to accessing pediatric mental health care in Utah. The preliminary report was completed in May of 2026.

The committee will be briefed on the findings and recommendations from the study.

- [Preliminary report](#)

Presenters

- Aaron Fischer, PhD, University of Utah

Potential Action

- Request follow-up information
- Request legislation

3:45 **7. Adjourn**