

1 **UTAH MEDICAID PROGRAM**

2 2014 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: James A. Dunnigan**

5 Senate Sponsor: John L. Valentine

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill requires the Health Reform Task Force to study programs to provide access to
10 health care to individuals eligible for Medicaid.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

13 ▶ instructs the Health Reform Task Force to evaluate the proposals for coverage of the
14 optional Medicaid population.

15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

16 None

17 **Other Special Clauses:**

18 None

19 **Uncodified Material Affected:**

20 AMENDS UNCODIFIED MATERIAL:

21 **Uncodified Section 42, Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 341**

23 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

24 Section 1. **Uncodified Section 42, Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 341** is amended to
25 read:

26 Section 42. **Duties -- Interim report.**

27 (1) The task force shall review and make recommendations on the following issues:

28 (a) the impact of implementation of the federal health reform law and federal
29 regulations on the state;

- 30 (b) options for the state regarding Medicaid expansion and reform including;
- 31 (i) the proposals for expansion of coverage for the optional Medicaid population
- 32 developed during the 2014 General Session of the Legislature;
- 33 (ii) coordination of and evaluation of proposals for providing access to health care for
- 34 the optional Medicaid population developed by the task force, the Governor, the Department of
- 35 Health, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services within the United States
- 36 Department of Health and Human Services;
- 37 (c) health care cost containment strategies;
- 38 (d) the role of the state defined contribution arrangement market and online health
- 39 insurance market places established under PPACA;
- 40 (e) governing structure for the state's defined contribution arrangement market;
- 41 (f) Medicaid behavioral health delivery and payment reform models within Medicaid
- 42 accountable care organizations and other county provided delivery settings, including:
- 43 (i) the development of a system to encourage, track, evaluate, share, and disseminate
- 44 results from existing pilot projects; and
- 45 (ii) payment reform models that promote performance based reimbursement;
- 46 (g) the delivery of charity care in the state, including:
- 47 (i) the identification of:
- 48 (A) medically underserved and needy populations and geographic areas of the state;
- 49 (B) barriers in the current health care delivery and payment models to the promotion of
- 50 a comprehensive charity care system; and
- 51 (C) current resources available for medical care for medically under-served populations
- 52 and medically underserved geographic areas in the state; and
- 53 (ii) proposals to establish:
- 54 (A) wellness education;
- 55 (B) personal responsibility for health care; and
- 56 (C) a coordinated, statewide, private sector approach to universal, basic health care for
- 57 Utah's medically underserved populations and geographic areas, using private partners to affect

58 cost savings and market efficiencies; and

59 (h) the use of self-insured health plans by small employers and the regulation of small
60 employer stop-loss insurance in the state.

61 (2) A final report, including any proposed legislation, shall be presented to the
62 Business and Labor Interim Committee before [~~November 30, 2013, and before~~] November 30,
63 2014.