

**JOINT RULES RESOLUTION -- MEDICAID  
ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATIONS**

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: J. Stuart Adams**

House Sponsor: James A. Dunnigan

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature amends the legislative rule for executive appropriations and the base budget.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

► requires the base budgets to include funding for Medicaid accountable care organizations in specified amounts.

**Special Clauses:**

This rules resolution provides a special effective date.

**Legislative Rules Affected:**

AMENDS:

**JR3-2-402**

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. **JR3-2-402** is amended to read:

**JR3-2-402. Executive appropriations -- Duties -- Base budgets.**

(1) As used in this rule:

(a) "Base budget" means amounts appropriated by the Legislature for each item of appropriation for the current fiscal year that:



- 28 (i) are not designated as one-time in an appropriation, regardless of whether the  
29 appropriation is covered by ongoing or one-time revenue sources; and
- 30 (ii) were not vetoed by the governor, unless the Legislature overrode the veto.
- 31 (b) "Base budget" includes:
- 32 (i) any changes to those amounts approved by the Executive Appropriations  
33 Committee; and
- 34 (ii) amounts appropriated for debt service.
- 35 (2) (a) The Executive Appropriations Committee shall meet no later than the third  
36 Wednesday in December to:
- 37 (i) direct staff as to what revenue estimate to use in preparing budget  
38 recommendations, to include a forecast for federal fund receipts;
- 39 (ii) consider treating above-trend revenue growth as one-time revenue for major tax  
40 types;
- 41 (iii) hear a report on the historical, current, and anticipated status of the following:
- 42 (A) debt;
- 43 (B) long term liabilities;
- 44 (C) contingent liabilities;
- 45 (D) General Fund borrowing;
- 46 (E) reserves;
- 47 (F) fund balances;
- 48 (G) nonlapsing appropriation balances;
- 49 (H) cash funded infrastructure investment; and
- 50 (I) changes in federal funds paid to the state;
- 51 (iv) decide whether to set aside special allocations for the end of the session, including  
52 allocations:
- 53 (A) to address any anticipated reduction in the amount of federal funds paid to the  
54 state; and
- 55 (B) of one-time revenue to pay down debt and other liabilities;
- 56 (v) approve the appropriate amount for each subcommittee to use in preparing its  
57 budget;
- 58 (vi) set a budget figure; and

59 (vii) adopt a base budget in accordance with Subsection (2)(b) and direct the legislative  
60 fiscal analyst to prepare one or more appropriations acts appropriating one or more base  
61 budgets for the next fiscal year.

62 (b) In a base budget adopted under Subsection (2)(a), appropriations from the General  
63 Fund, the Education Fund, and the Uniform School Fund shall be set as follows:

64 (i) if the next fiscal year ongoing revenue estimates set under Subsection (2)(a)(i) are  
65 equal to or greater than the current fiscal year ongoing appropriations, the new fiscal year base  
66 budget is not changed;

67 (ii) if the next fiscal year ongoing revenue estimates set under Subsection (2)(a)(i) are  
68 less than the current fiscal year ongoing appropriations, the new fiscal year base budget is  
69 reduced by the same percentage that projected next fiscal year ongoing revenue estimates are  
70 lower than the total of current fiscal year ongoing appropriations; ~~and~~

71 (iii) in making a reduction under Subsection (2)(b)(ii), appropriated debt service shall  
72 not be reduced, and other ongoing appropriations shall be reduced, in an amount sufficient to  
73 make the total ongoing appropriations, including the unadjusted debt service, equal to the  
74 percentage calculated under Subsection (2)(b)(ii)~~]; and~~

75 (iv) the new fiscal year base budget shall include an appropriation to the Department of  
76 Health for Medicaid accountable care organizations in the amount required by Section  
77 [26-18-405.5](#).

78 (c) The chairs of each appropriation subcommittee are invited to attend this meeting.

79 (3) Appropriations subcommittees may not meet while the Senate or House is in  
80 session without special leave from the speaker of the House and the president of the Senate.

81 (4) All proposed items of expenditure to be included in the appropriations bills shall be  
82 submitted to one of the subcommittees named in [JR3-2-302](#) for consideration and  
83 recommendation.

84 (5) (a) After receiving and reviewing subcommittee reports, the Executive  
85 Appropriations Committee may refer the report back to an appropriations subcommittee with  
86 any guidelines the Executive Appropriations Committee considers necessary to assist the  
87 subcommittee in producing a balanced budget.

88 (b) The subcommittee shall meet to review the new guidelines and report the  
89 adjustments to the chairs of the Executive Appropriations Committee as soon as possible.

90 (6) (a) After receiving the reports, the Executive Appropriations Committee chairs will  
91 report them to the Executive Appropriations Committee.

92 (b) That committee shall:

93 (i) make any further adjustments necessary to balance the budget; and

94 (ii) complete all decisions necessary to draft the final appropriations bill no later than  
95 the 39th day of the annual general session.

96 Section 2. **Contingent effective date.**

97 If S.B. 98, Medicaid Accountable Care Organizations, 2015 General Session, becomes

98 law, this resolution takes effect on July 1, 2015.

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**Legislative Review Note**

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