

1                   **JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SUCCESS OF**  
2                   **THE UTAH MEDICAID ACCOUNTABLE CARE PROGRAM**

3                                   2021 GENERAL SESSION

4                                   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Chief Sponsor: Norman K. Thurston**

6                                   Senate Sponsor: Michael S. Kennedy

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8                   **LONG TITLE**

9                   **Committee Note:**

10                   The Health and Human Services Interim Committee recommended this bill.

11                   Legislative Vote: 14 voting for 0 voting against 3 absent

12                   **General Description:**

13                   This joint resolution recognizes the success of Utah Medicaid's accountable care  
14 program.

15                   **Highlighted Provisions:**

16                   This resolution:

- 17                   ▶ highlights the history of Utah Medicaid's accountable care program;
- 18                   ▶ highlights the program's outcomes;
- 19                   ▶ recognizes the program's success;
- 20                   ▶ expresses the Legislature's support; and
- 21                   ▶ commends the Department of Health for its efforts.

22                   **Special Clauses:**

23                   None

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

26                   WHEREAS, in 2011 the Legislature of the state of Utah unanimously passed S.B. 180,  
27 Medicaid Reform, which required the Department of Health to maximize replacement of the



28 Medicaid program's fee-for-service delivery model with one or more risk-based delivery  
29 models;

30 WHEREAS, since January 1, 2013, Medicaid services have been delivered to most  
31 program enrollees through risk-based accountable care organizations;

32 WHEREAS, today the Medicaid program contracts with four accountable care  
33 organizations for service delivery;

34 WHEREAS, during the two decades preceding the creation of accountable care  
35 organizations, the rate of growth in state spending for Utah's Medicaid program exceeded the  
36 rate of growth of the state's General Fund, raising concerns about the long-term sustainability  
37 of the program;

38 WHEREAS, the Legislature's stated goals for reforming Medicaid service delivery  
39 included reducing the rate of spending growth, aligning incentives to promote quality and  
40 value, and creating a budget stabilization account funded with reform savings to mitigate  
41 funding challenges during economic downturns; and

42 WHEREAS, as foreseen by the Legislature in 2011, the enactment of S.B. 180 has:

43 (1) slowed Medicaid spending and aligned the growth rates of Medicaid and the  
44 General Fund;

45 (2) produced a Budget Stabilization Account with an accumulated savings of over  
46 seventy million dollars;

47 (3) increased predictability for state budgeting; and

48 (4) incentivized the increased delivery of value-added services to Medicaid enrollees  
49 and the state through Medicaid accountable care organizations, including customer service,  
50 care management, social services and care coordination, standardized quality measurement and  
51 improvement programs, value-based payment programs, and provider support services:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah,  
53 recognizes the successful implementation and accomplishments of Utah Medicaid's  
54 accountable care program.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature renews its commitment to and  
56 support for Utah Medicaid's accountable care program.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature commends the Department of  
58 Health and the department's Division of Medicaid and Health Financing for their role in

59 creating, and supporting ongoing efforts to sustain, a successful Medicaid accountable care  
60 program.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Department  
62 of Health and the department's Division of Medicaid and Health Financing.