

# Utah's Premium Partnership- Reimbursement Increase for Children Public Hearing

The Utah Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Integrated Healthcare will hold public hearings to discuss an amendment to Utah's Medicaid Reform 1115 Demonstration. The Department will also accept public comment regarding the amendments online, by email, or mail during the public comment period from February 22, 2023 to March 24, 2023.

This amendment request seeks authority from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to allow the state to increase the maximum premium reimbursement amount for children enrolled in Utah's Premium Partnership (UPP) program. The amount would change from \$120 per enrollee per month to an amount set by the state through administrative rulemaking process and within budget neutrality limits. The UPP program helps individuals pay for their health insurance premiums so they may afford their employer or COBRA health plan. For the first fiscal year of implementation, the maximum reimbursement amount will increase to \$180 per enrollee per month, with an additional \$20 per month if the plan provides dental coverage.

## **Public Hearings:**

The Department will conduct two public hearings to discuss the demonstration amendment. The dates and times are listed below. Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, both public hearings will be held via video and teleconferencing.

- Thursday, March 16, 2023 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, during the Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) meeting
  - Video Conference: Google Meet Meeting [meet.google.com/phj-yprf-iui](https://meet.google.com/phj-yprf-iui)
  - Or join by phone: (US) +1 252-517-9050 PIN: 852185406
- Monday, March 20, 2023 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
  - Video Conference: Google Meet Meeting [meet.google.com/oqf-vejm-vcn](https://meet.google.com/oqf-vejm-vcn)
  - Or join by phone: (US) +1 209-850-2432 PIN: 436 259 388#

Individuals requiring an accommodation to fully participate in either meeting may contact Laura Belgique at [lbelgique@utah.gov](mailto:lbelgique@utah.gov) or 1 (801) 538-6241 by 5:00 p.m. on March 9, 2023.

## **Public Comment:**

A copy of the public notice and proposed amendments are available online at: <https://medicaid.utah.gov/1115-waiver/>

The public may comment on the proposed amendment requests during the public comment period from February 22, 2023 to March 24, 2023.

Comments may be submitted using the following methods:

Online: <https://medicaid.utah.gov/1115-waiver/>

Email: [Medicaid1115waiver@utah.gov](mailto:Medicaid1115waiver@utah.gov)

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