

Utah Premium Partnership Plus

Medicaid
Expansion Options
community workgroup

Summary



Expands the Utah Premium Partnership (UPP) program instead of full Medicaid expansion, providing subsidies to purchase coverage in the private market.

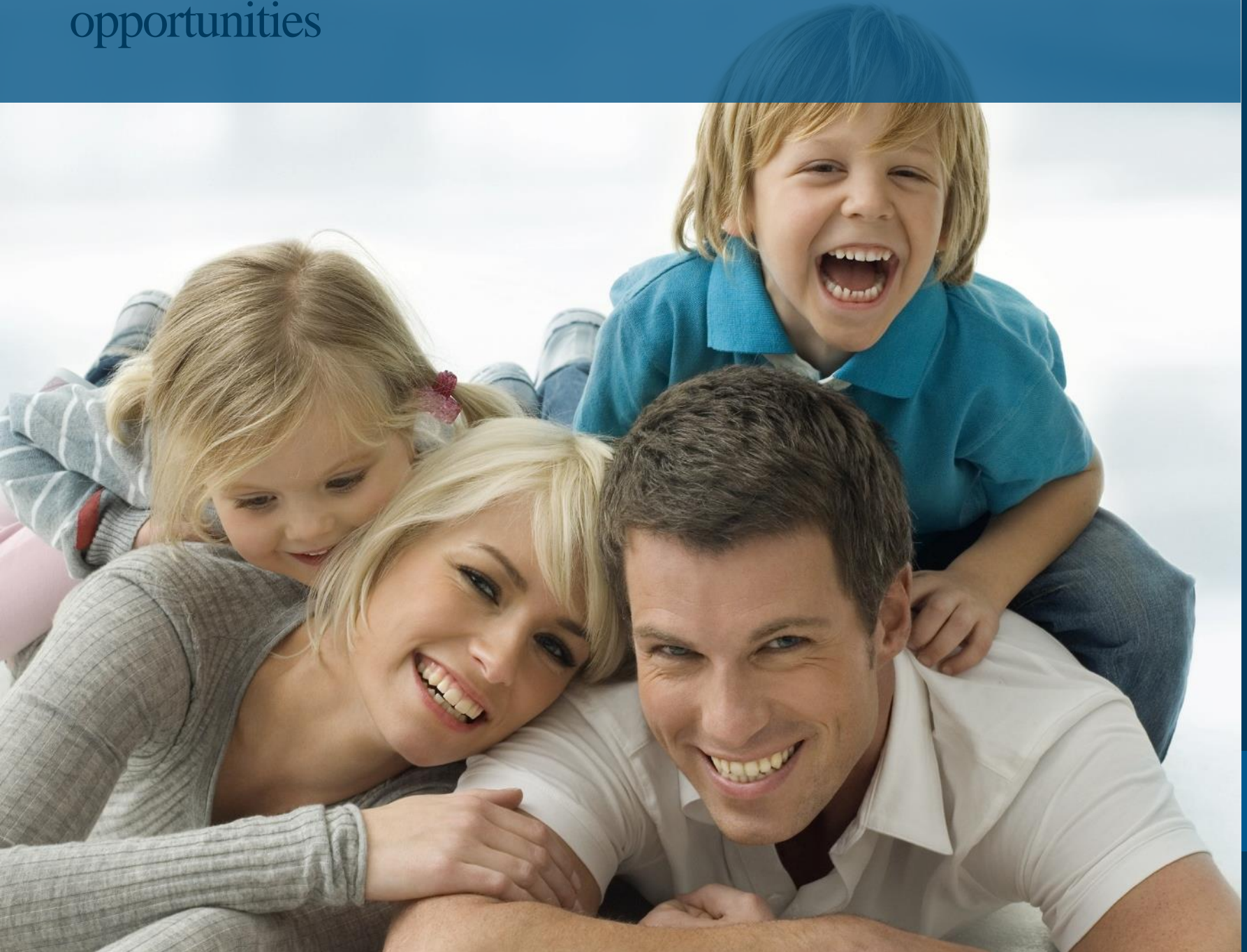
Summary: background

- UPP helps families obtain private health insurance—and stay off of programs like Medicaid.
- Covered at Work, a Utah program, dates back to 2002.
- UPP is a “premium support” program — designed to offset employee’s cost of insurance.
- Utah tried to expand UPP in 2011—the Federal Government said, “No.”
- More promising now. Arkansas and Iowa have received approvals on similar plans.

Summary: how it works

- Enrollees use UPP subsidy to purchase employer sponsored coverage or, if ESI is not available, individual market insurance.
- Preserves UPP's current model—premium subsidies to cover employee's cost of employer sponsored coverage.
- Implements Utah's 2011 proposal to allow UPP purchase individual market coverage.

opportunities



opportunities

PROTECTS

THE PRIVATE MARKET



opportunities

LIMITS

COVERAGE CHURN



opportunities

ONE FAMILY ONE CARD



opportunities

COVERS

123,000 UTAHNS



opportunities

ADDS
\$2.3+ BILLION
TO ECONOMY



opportunities

CREATES
3,000+ JOBS



challenges

- Likely more expensive than full expansion
- Administratively more complex than full expansion
- Requires an 1115 waiver

Cost and Source of Payment

1. Re-allocate funding from redundant programs
2. Direct new revenues to fund program
3. Hospital assessment

Who is covered

ALL NEW ENROLLEES

PRIVATE COVERAGE

Who is not covered



This will not cover
undocumented
immigrants



This will not cover
legal, documented
immigrants who have
been here less than
five years

Subgroup participants

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