

Utah Medicaid Legislative Updates 2024

Executive Appropriations Committee & Funding Changes

1. Medicaid Consensus

Restricted Funds	General Fund	Expansion Funds	Expendable Receipts	Federal Funds	Total Funds
\$77,500,000	(\$80,196,900)	\$211,400	\$163,500	(\$27,030,000)	(\$29,352,000)

2025	General Fund	Expansion Fund	Expendable Receipts	Federal Funds	Total Funds
One-Time	(\$9,000,000)	(\$3,200)	\$0	\$3,233,400	(\$5,769,800)
Ongoing	(\$65,647,500)	(\$14,358,500)	\$0	(\$33,878,500)	(\$113,577,700)

2. Budget Cuts

a. 2024 cuts were mostly due to programs that were funded for the entire year, but had run-out.

b. 2024 cuts are one-time, the remaining cuts are ongoing

	General Fund	Expansion Funds	Expendable Receipts	Federal Funds	Total Funds
2024 Cuts	(\$2,325,100)	(\$100)	(\$7,400)	(\$4,685,400)	(\$7,018,000)
EO Program Savings	(\$330,000)	\$0	\$0	(\$690,000)	(\$1,020,000)
DSH	(\$1,226,400)	\$0	\$0	(\$2,822,400)	(\$4,048,800)
GME	(\$1,836,000)	\$0	\$0	(\$4,733,500)	(\$6,569,500)

3. Medicaid Pharmacy Dispensing Fee

a. Managed Care plans are not obligated to follow the same increase

2025	General Fund	Expansion Funds	Expendable Receipts	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Ongoing	\$488,000	\$113,700	\$0	\$1,919,300	\$2,521,000

4. Nursing Home Medicaid Rate Increase

2025	General Fund	Expansion	Expendable	Federal Funds	Total Funds
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		Funds	Receipts		
Ongoing	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,836,400	\$2,836,400

5. Coverage for Ambulatory Medical Detox

2025	General Fund	Expansion Funds	Expendable Receipts	Federal Funds	Total Funds
One-Time	\$0	(\$4,600)	(\$331,900)	(\$640,800)	(\$977,300)
Ongoing	\$0	\$9,300	\$663,900	\$1,282,600	\$1,955,800

6. Ground Ambulance Mileage Reimbursement

2025	General Fund	Expansion Funds	Restricted Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Ongoing	\$0	\$0	\$1,316,800	\$2,417,700	\$3,734,500

Passed Legislation Impacting Medicaid/CHIP

1. [H.B. 38 Psychotropic Medication Oversight Pilot Program Amendments](#)

- a. Makes the Utah Psychotropic Oversight Program (UPOP) a permanent program, under the Division of Integrated Healthcare.
- b. Funds the Department to reimburse for foster care and juvenile justice youth at the same rate as other Medicaid recipients.

2025 Ongoing	General Fund	Expansion Funds	Transfers	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Program	\$0	\$0	\$1,834,100	\$6,154,200	\$7,988,300
Administration	\$255,800	\$0	\$0	\$255,800	\$511,600

2. [H.B. 51 Health and Human Services Funding Amendments](#)

- a. Consolidates the Medicaid Restricted Account and the Medicaid Growth Reduction and Budget Stabilization Account into a single account.
- b. Renames the Medicaid Expansion Fund to the Medicaid ACA Fund.
- c. Directs the LFA and GOPB to prepare budget stress tests

3. [H.B. 59 Federal Funds Contingency Planning](#)

- a. Agencies are required to create a contingency plan for any federal funding over \$2,000,000.
4. [H.B. 71 Behavioral Health Crisis Response](#)
 - a. Allows the Department of Health and Human Services (department) to reimburse non emergency secured behavioral health transport providers;
 - b. Requires the department to apply for a state plan amendment to allow the department to assess non emergency secured behavioral health transport providers if it allowable under CMS rules;
5. [H.B. 193 Hospital Assessment Revisions](#)
 - a. Extends the Medicaid Expansion Fund, inpatient hospital assessment, and Medicaid expansion hospital assessment repeal date.
6. [H.B. 392 Nursing Care Facility Modifications](#)
 - a. Removes statutorily prescribed penalties and interest imposed on nursing care facilities for failure to pay an assessment;
 - b. Grants to the Division of Integrated Healthcare rulemaking authority to require nursing care facilities to pay a penalty for failure to timely pay an assessment;
7. [H.B. 501 Health Amendments](#)
 - a. Directs the Department to amend the pending 1115 “Justice” Waiver.
 - i. Pre-release benefit is limited to reentry case management services; physical and behavioral health clinical services; medications and medication administration; MAT; and other services as determined by rule.
 - ii. Extends coverage to 90-days pre-release.
 - iii. Requires reinvestment of savings.
 - b. Prohibits other health insurers from denying TPL collections (i.e., “pay and chase”) due solely to the lack of prior authorization.
 - c. Provides \$4,127,900 million ongoing and \$1,417,000 one-time to the counties.

2025	General Fund	Expansion Funds	Expendable Receipts	Federal Funds	Total Funds
One-Time	\$1,004,500	(\$417,600)	(\$17,000)	(\$4,546,900)	(\$3,977,000)
Admin	(\$42,500)	(\$145,800)	\$0	(\$76,400)	(\$264,700)
Ongoing	(\$158,100)	(\$128,600)	\$17,000	(\$8,493,400)	(\$8,763,100)

Admin	\$50,400	\$172,900	\$0	\$391,400	\$614,700
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8. [H.B. 503 Nursing Care Facility Amendments](#)

- a. Allows a state-owned veterans nursing care facility to obtain a one-time approval for up to five total Medicaid certified beds, without the facility first proving bed capacity insufficiency or financial viability;
- b. Limits the transfer or sale of Medicaid certified beds in certain conditions;

9. [S.B. 26 Behavioral Health Licensing Amendments](#)

- a. Creates the licenses of master addiction counselor and associate master addiction counselor.
- b. Creates the license of behavioral health coach and certification of behavioral health technician.
- c. Expands the scope of practice of social service workers and advanced substance use disorder counselors to include drafting treatment plans and updates and providing manualized therapeutic interventions in limited circumstances and under supervision.

10. [S.B. 27 Behavioral Health System Amendments](#)

- a. Repeals the Behavioral Health Delivery Working Group which was enacted by [H.B. 413 \(2022 GS\)](#)
- b. Moves the Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Committee to DHHS
- c. Creates the Utah Behavioral Health Commission

11. [S.B. 32 Caregiver Compensation Amendments](#)

- a. Fixes an omission from last session and allows step-parents to be compensated as a caregiver for extraordinary care provided to HCBS waiver enrollees. Parents are already allowed this benefit.

12. [S.B. 166 Health Benefit Amendments](#)

- a. 30 days before doing a pharmacy formulary change, members must be notified of the change.

13. [S.B. 181 Native American Health Amendments](#)

- a. Opens traditional healing services for American Indian/Alaskan Native members. Providers would be designated by a tribe and consistent with their traditional healing practices.

2025	General Fund	Expansion Funds	Expendable Receipts	Federal Funds	Total Funds
One-Time	(\$7,300)	(\$2,900)	\$0	(\$5,163,400)	(\$5,173,600)

Admin	(\$35,500)	\$0	\$0	(\$35,500)	(\$71,000)
Ongoing	\$7,300	\$2,900	\$0	\$5,163,400	\$5,173,600
Admin	\$37,500	\$0	\$0	\$37,500	\$75,000

14. [S.B. 197 Medicaid Reimbursement Rate Amendments](#)

- a. Designates autism spectrum disorder services in statute as part of mandatory annual increases to the ACOs/BH plans of at least 2%. The overall increase will be lower than 2% as the ACO/BH increase is allocated to include the ABA services.

2025	General Fund	Expansion Funds	Expendable Receipts	Federal Funds	Total Funds
One-Time	(\$30,000)	(\$3,000)	\$33,000	\$0	\$0
Ongoing	\$30,000	\$3,000	(\$33,000)	\$0	\$0