

Utahns for Sustainable Health Reform

U-SHARE

Working toward affordable, high-quality health care for all Utahns.

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U-SHARE's Principles

The U-SHARE coalition is committed to implementing comprehensive state and federal health reform measures that honor the following principles:

Ensure adequate access to health care and coverage for all Utah residents.

- Develop and enforce affordability standards that limit how much of an individual's or family's income can be spent on all out-of-pocket health care spending.
- Ensure access to a medical home for everyone in Utah, and an adequate supply and distribution of primary care providers.
- Provide cost relief in the form of premium subsidies for low- and moderate- income families.
- Fully fund public programs and enroll all who are eligible and not covered by private health insurance.

Contain the cost of health care.

- Harness prevention and wellness strategies and resources.
- Eliminate fraud, abuse, and waste.
- Utilize all proven cost containment measures and resources available in federal health reform (the ACA), such as grants for demonstration projects, emphasizing robust payment and delivery system reforms.
- Ensure that the Utah Health Exchange is ACA compliant, including risk pooling, seamless integration with public programs, and inclusion of the individual market.
- Apply lessons from Utah's Medicaid reform process to system-wide payment and delivery system reforms.

Build accountability and transparency into the health care system

- Include a strong consumer and small business voice in the Utah Health Exchange.
- Build a governance structure for the Utah Health Exchange that avoids conflicts of interest.
- Maximize input from stakeholders, impacted individuals, and businesses in reform decisions.
- Post all relevant materials (minutes, drafts, analyses) on a publicly accessible website.

U-SHARE + Education

Education about reform to Utah's decision-makers and the public is *vital* to attaining U-SHARE's goals. We are dedicated to educating Utah's decision-makers about the impact of health reform on the access, quality, and cost of health care for all Utahns. We are equally dedicated to educating the public about their rights and responsibilities under federal and state health reform law and how to advocate for the implementation of state and federal health reform measures.

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U-SHARE's Goals

- Build and sustain a broad-based and vibrant coalition united to work together towards full implementation of state and federal health reform.
- Support implementation of state and federal health reform measures that increase affordable access to quality care for everyone in Utah.

Elements of Implementation Campaign

Under construction ... stay tuned!

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