

2019 Healthcare Legislation Report

Utah Hospital Association

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Sponsor	Bill #	Title and Description	UHA Position	Status
HOUSE BILLS				
S. Eliason	H.B. 17	FIREARM VIOLENCE AND SUICIDE PREVENTION. This bill reenacts and modifies previously sunsetted provisions relating to a voluntary firearm safety program and a suicide prevention education course.		PASSED
S. Barlow	H.B. 37	REAUTHORIZATION OF HOSPITAL PROVIDER ASSESSMENT ACT. This bill reauthorizes the Hospital Provider Assessment Act.	SUPPORT	PASSED
J. Dunnigan	H.B. 44	PHYSICAL THERAPIST PRACTICE ACT AMENDMENTS. This bill permits an individual in the final term of a program of study in physical therapy to take a licensing exam before graduation.		PASSED
S. Eliason	H.B. 58	OPIOID FATALITY REVIEW AMENDMENTS. This bill creates a new position in the Office of the Medical Examiner and creates the Opioid and Overdose Fatality Review Committee.		FAILED
R. Ward	H.B. 73	MEDICAL PAYMENT RATES AMENDMENTS. This bill requires the Department of Health to report to the Legislature when the department applies, or receives approval, for a change in any Medicaid capitated payment rates.		PASSED
B. Daw	H.B. 77	HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE AMENDMENTS. This bill amends provisions relating to the electronic exchange of clinical information.	SUPPORT	PASSED
M. Judkins	H.B. 106	MEDICAL CANNABIS MODIFICATIONS. This bill amends the list of qualifying conditions for medical cannabis recommendations.		FAILED
K. Kwan	H.B. 117	CHILD CARE LICENSING ACT AMENDMENTS. This bill Amends the composition of the Child Care Center Licensing Committee to include licensed health care professionals who specialize in pediatric health.		PASSED
J. Dailey-Provost	H.B. 121	END OF LIFE PRESCRIPTION PROVISIONS. This bill establishes a procedure for an individual with a terminal disease to obtain a prescription to end the individual's life.		FAILED
C. Acton	H.B. 136	ABORTION AMENDMENTS. This bill prohibits an abortion from being performed after the unborn child reaches 15 weeks gestational age except under certain circumstances.		PASSED
M. McKell	H.B. 147	PHYSICIAN CERTIFICATION AMENDMENTS. This bill prohibits the following persons from requiring that a physician maintain certain certifications: a health care facility; a managed care organization or other third party; the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing.	OPPOSE	FAILED
K. Kwan	H.B. 154	MENTAL HEALTH PROTECTIONS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS. This bill establishes a temporary working group to study a first responder's workers' compensation claim due to mental stress.		PASSED
K. Lisonbee	H.B. 166	DOWN SYNDROME NONDISCRIMINATION ABORTION ACT. This bill concerns an unborn child with Down syndrome; after expressly permitted by a court of binding authority, prohibits a person from performing, inducing, or attempting to perform or induce an abortion on a pregnant woman who is seeking the abortion solely because an unborn child has or may have Down syndrome.		PASSED
J. Dailey-Provost	H.B. 169	SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER TREATMENT AMENDMENTS. This bill exempts a prescriber from the requirement to check the controlled substance database when prescribing buprenorphine to a patient.		FAILED
S. Eliason	H.B. 174	PSYCHIATRY MEDICAL RESIDENTS AMENDMENTS. This bill requires the University of Utah Health Sciences to select additional psychiatry residents.	SUPPORT	PASSED

B. Daw	H.B. 178	HEALTH CARE CHARGES. This bill creates a reporting requirement; requires the Department of Health to produce an estimate for creating and maintaining a health care price transparency tool, with technical support from the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program and the Insurance Department; permits the Department of Health to create and maintain a health care price transparency tool that is accessible by the public.	MONITOR	PASSED
R. Ward	H.B. 186	OPIOID PRESCRIPTION REGULATION AMENDMENTS. This bill permits the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing to consult with prescribers and health care systems on best practices with respect to prescribing controlled substances; and requires the division to take certain steps after it receives a report form a medical examiner relating to a death by poisoning or overdose.		PASSED
S. Eliason	H.B. 191	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ABUSE AMENDMENTS. This bill requires a prescriber to discuss the risks of using an opiate with a patient or the patient's guardian before issuing an initial opiate prescription.		PASSED
R. Ward	H.B. 210	MEDICAID EXPANSION PROGRAM REVISIONS. This bill: removes the requirement that reimbursements for Medicaid providers increase annually at a certain rate; makes changes to the Inpatient Hospital Assessment and the Medicaid Expansion Hospital Assessment; permits funds from the Medicaid Expansion Fund to be used for the Medicaid expansion to the full optional population under the Affordable Care Act; amends provisions relating to the state sales tax.	MONITOR	FAILED
L. Perry	H.B. 211	RARE DISEASE ADVISORY COUNCIL. This bill creates the Rare Disease Advisory Council within the Department of Health.		FAILED
S. Eliason	H.B. 251	DRUG DIVERSION REPORTING AMENDMENTS. This bill makes it a class B misdemeanor to knowingly fail to report known or suspected drug diversion to law enforcement, unless reporting would violate HIPAA.		PASSED
N. Thurston	H.B. 267	PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION PROGRAM. This bill requires the Department of Health to: design a prescription drug importation program; apply for approval of the prescription drug importation program; if the program is approved, implement the provisions of the program; if the program is denied, study how the state can obtain approval for the program; (This bill:) modifies the Utah Antitrust Act to make certain anticompetitive activities illegal; creates a sunset date for the provisions of this bill.	MONITOR	FAILED
J. Dailey-Provost	H.B. 275	CONTRACEPTION FOR WOMEN PRISONERS. This bill provides that jails must provide women prisoners with the option of continuing any medically prescribed method of contraception.		FAILED
S. Eliason	H.B. 324	TOBACCO AGE AMENDMENTS. This bill modifies provisions related to an individual's age and tobacco, tobacco paraphernalia, or electronic cigarettes.	SUPPORT	PASSED
J. Dunnigan	H.B. 336	NURSE PRACTICE ACT AMENDMENTS. This bill permits certain licensed nurse practitioners to prescribe a Schedule II controlled substance and removes certain requirements for advanced practice nurse practitioners to have prescriptive authority for controlled substances.	MONITOR	PASSED
J. Dailey-Provost	H.B. 337	PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY STANDARDS AMENDMENTS. This bill repeals a restriction on certain age-based testing for physician licensing, employment, privileges, or reimbursement.		PASSED
K. Christofferson	H.B. 348	UTAH EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM ACT AMENDMENTS. This bill removes a restriction on 911 ambulance or paramedic services providers from applying for a license to provide a higher level of service.		PASSED
L. Shurtliff	H.B. 359	ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT DECISIONS AMENDMENTS. This bill relates to assessment and treatment of a substance use disorder.		FAILED
T. Seegmiller	H.B. 362	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE DATABASE RETENTION AMENDMENTS. This bill addresses retention of information by an agency.		FAILED
J. Dunnigan	H.B. 366	HEALTH CARE AMENDMENTS. This bill amends provisions relating to the Medical Assistance Act, the Utah Children's Health Insurance Act, and the Mental Health Professional Practice Act.	MONITOR	PASSED

P. Ray	H.B. 368	HEALTH INSURANCE ATHLETIC TRAINER SERVICES. This bill repeals exclusions of a licensed athletic trainer from certain provisions of the insurance code.		FAILED
P. Ray	H.B.370	PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER AMENDMENTS. This bill amends and creates requirements for pharmacy benefit managers.		PASSED
C. Watkins	H.B. 372	DENTAL HYGENISTS AMENDMENTS. This bill enacts provisions related to Medicaid reimbursement for dental hygienists.		FAILED
C. Spackman-Moss	H.B. 385	MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS. This bill enacts provisions related to Medicaid reimbursements to public schools		FAILED
K. Ivory	H.B. 392	TELEMEDICINE REIMBURSEMENT AMENDMENTS. This bill amends provisions regarding reimbursement for telemedicine services.		PASSED
B. Daw	H.B. 398	SUBSTANCE USE AND HEALTHCARE AMENDMENTS. This bill modifies and enacts provisions relating to substance use, mental health treatment and healthcare.		PASSED
C. Hall	H.B. 417	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE DATABASE ACCESS AMENDMENTS. This bill amends the Controlled Substance Database Act		FAILED
B. Daw	H.B. 419	OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE DATABASE AMENDMENTS. This bill modifies provisions relating to opioid treatment programs and the controlled substance database.		FAILED
A. Stoddard	H.B. 434	DISEASE TESTING AMENDMENTS. This bill amends provisions related to disease testing.		PASSED
T. Quinn	H.B. 441	TAX EQUALIZATION AND REDUCTION ACT. This bill modifies provisions relating to tax.	MONITOR	FAILED
M. Winder	H.B. 443	HEALTH CARE COST TRANSPARENCY. This bill requires the publication of certain prices and information related to health care services.	OPPOSE	FAILED
P. Ray	H.B. 449	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENTS. This bill amends the Controlled Substances Act and the Controlled Substance Database.		PASSED
P. Ray	H.B. 455	INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR STATE ENTITIES. This bill amends provisions related to the scope of services that the Public Employees' Health Program can provide.		FAILED
C. Spackman-Moss	H.B. 460	MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY AMENDMENTS. This bill amends provisions relating to eligibility for the state Medicaid program.		PASSED
E. Hutchings	H.B. 461	PEDIATRIC NEURO-REHABILITATION FUND. This bill creates the Pediatric Neuro-Rehabilitation Fund and specifies its uses.		PASSED
K. Coleman	H.B. 469	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE DATABASE NOTIFICATION. This bill amends provisions related to information in the Controlled Substance		FAILED
J. Dailey-Provost	H.B. 471	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES MODIFICATIONS. This bill modifies the Utah Controlled Substances Act.		FAILED
R. Ward	H.B. 475	GENETIC TESTING COVERAGE AMENDMENTS. This bill amends the Medical Assistance Act and the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program Act.		FAILED
S. Eliason	H.B. 479	HEPATITIS C OUTREACH PILOT PROGRAM. This bill creates the Hepatitis C Outreach Pilot Program within the Department of Health.		FAILED
HOUSE JOINT RULES RESOLUTIONS				
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS				
B. Daw	H.C.R. 1	CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION TO APPROVE A PHARMACEUTICAL DROP BOX PILOT PROGRAM. This concurrent resolution highlights the devastating impact of the opioid epidemic and		PASSED
P. Arent	H.C.R. 4	CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING UTAH'S EVERY KID OUTDOORS INITIATIVE. This concurrent resolution expresses support for Utah's Every Kid Outdoors Initiative.		PASSED

R. Spendlove	H.C.R. 8	CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF THE STOP THE BLEED INITIATIVE AND CAMPAIGN. This resolution addresses the health dangers of uncontrolled bleeding and encourages participation in and recognition of the Stop the Bleed initiative and campaign.		PASSED
SENATE BILLS				
A. Christensen	S.B. 11	MEDICAID DENTAL COVERAGE AMENDMENTS. This bill expands Medicaid dental coverage to elderly Medicaid patients; and adds the University of Utah School of Dentistry's associated statewide network to the list of providers for adult dental services in the Medicaid program.		PASSED
A. Christensen	S.B. 29	HEALTH CARE MALPRACTICE ACT SUNSET EXTENSION. This bill extends the sunset date for provisions regarding medical malpractice arbitration agreements for 10 years.	SUPPORT	PASSED
T. Weiler	S.B. 30	ANESTHESIA AND SEDATION RELATED PROVISIONS REAUTHORIZATION. This bill extends the sunset date of statutory provisions related to the reporting requirements of certain adverse anesthesia events; and extends the sunset date of statutory provisions related to what constitutes unprofessional conduct when administering anesthesia in an	MONITOR	PASSED
L. Fillmore	S.B. 39	ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT FOR MENTAL ILLNESS. This bill creates a process for the provision of assisted outpatient treatment for an individual with mental illness.		PASSED
L. Hillyard	S.B. 51	HOSPITAL LIEN LAW AMENDMENTS. This bill requires a hospital to provide notice of a release of lien to the injured person.	MONITOR	PASSED
W. Harper	S.B. 74	AIR AMBULANCE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS. This bill amends reporting requirements for the Air Ambulance Committee; and reauthorizes the Air Ambulance Committee for		PASSED
A. Millner	S.B. 83	PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES. This bill creates the Partnerships for Healthy Communities Grant Program.		FAILED
E. Vickers	S. B. 85	SECURE TRANSPORT DESIGNATION AMENDMENTS. This bill adds a designation category for nonemergency secured behavioral health transport providers and vehicles.		PASSED
C. Bramble	S.B. 95	AUTISM AMENDMENTS. This bill requires certain health benefit plans to provide coverage for behavioral health treatment for individuals with an autism spectrum disorder.		PASSED
A. Christensen	S.B. 96	MEDICAID EXPANSION AMENDMENTS. The bill makes changes to eligibility for and administration of the state Medicaid program; directs the Department of Health to continue to seek approval from the federal government to implement the Medicaid	MONITOR	PASSED
J. Anderegg	S.B. 97	MEDICAID PROGRAM REVISIONS. This bill repeals the expansion of the state Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act and changes the sales tax rate.		FAILED
L. Fillmore	S.B. 106	MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SCHOOLS. This bill requires the Department of Health to develop a proposal and submit a state plan amendment to allow the state Medicaid program to be billed for certain mental health services provided in a public school; and		PASSED
D. Hemmert	S.B. 110	FAMILY MEDICAL UNPAID LEAVE PROVISIONS. This bill provides that a state-eligible employer is subject to certain provisions of the Family and Medical Leave Act.		FAILED
L. Escamilla	S.B. 161	MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT AMENDMENTS. This bill amends provisions related to the Utah Medical Cannabis Act.		PASSED
E. Vickers	S.B. 170	PHARMACY PRACTICE AMENDMENTS. This bill: amends the definition of "practice as a licensed pharmacy technician"; adds a drug to the list of long-acting injectable drug therapies that can be administered by certain pharmacists; and changes the requirements for certain supervising pharmacists.	AMEND	PASSED
C. Bramble	S.B. 203	PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AMENDMENTS. This bill amends provisions relating to practice as a physician assistant.	MONITOR	PASSED
K. Cullimore	S. B. 223	PHARMACEUTICAL ENTITY TRANSPARENCY ACT. This bill enacts and amends provisions related to prescription drugs.		FAILED
J. Anderegg	S.B.227	MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL AMENDMENTS. This bill amends provisions related to the Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services.	MONITOR	PASSED

T. Weiler	S.B. 229	MEDICAL BILLING TRANSPARENCY AMENDMENTS. This bill requires the Department of Health to publish certain health care cost information.		PASSED
W. Harper	S.B. 237	CAREGIVER COMPENSATION AMENDMENTS. This bill requires the Department of Health to provide a report relating to reimbursement of certain personal care services under Medicaid.		PASSED
K. Mayne	S.B. 241	TREATMENT MEDICATION AMENDMENTS. This bill amends provisions relating to health insurance coverage for cancer treatment.		FAILED
E. Vickers	S.B. 264	MEDICAL TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION AMENDMENTS. This bill enacts provisions relating to preauthorization of health care.		PASSED
J. Anderegg	S.B. 265	TRUTH IN HEALTH CARE COSTS. This bill enacts provisions relating to health care costs.	OPPOSE	FAILED
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS				
L. Fillmore	S.C.R. 1	CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE PAYMENT FOR TREATMENT IN AN INSTITUTION FOR MENTAL ILLNESS. This concurrent resolution urges Congress to extend Medicaid coverage beyond 15 days for services provided in certain settings to adults with serious mental illness.		PASSED
D. Hemmert	S.C.R. 3	CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' HEALTH PLAN. This concurrent resolution directs the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program to offer certain benefits with respect to employee health benefit packages.		PASSED
A. Millner	S.C.R. 4	CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DIRECTING CREATION OF A REQUEST FOR PAYMENT PILOT PROGRAM. This bill directs the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program to issue a request for proposals for health care services using a value-based payment methodology.		PASSED
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS				