

Healthy Utah Principles and Strategies

Update on CMS Discussions

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Promote Individual Responsibility

- Charge premiums for adults over the poverty level
- Charge all adults co-pays (including higher co-pays for adults over the poverty level)
- Offer adults over the poverty level the option to choose between two plans (one with higher premiums and lower co-pays and another with lower premiums and higher co-pays)
- Offer incentives for healthy behaviors
- Automatically enroll adults who can work in a job program

Support Private Markets

- Use employer-sponsored insurance when available
- Provide assistance to buy private market plans

Maximize Flexibility

- Establish three year pilot program that allows the state to evaluate the effectiveness of Healthy Utah
- Allow Medicaid children to join parents on private plans
- Use federal savings from Utah's current waiver to support new quality improvement efforts

Respect the Taxpayer

- Recoup some of the ACA taxes that Utahns are already paying
- Terminate plan if federal funding fails to be provided as promised