



Utah Chapter of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society

HIT Legislative Update

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 - The Promise of Healthcare IT
 - Cost Reduction
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HIMSS

Office of Advocacy and Public Policy

- Founded in February 2000
- Focus on expanding HIMSS visibility on Capitol Hill
- Coordinate and Advance Healthcare IT and Management Systems through Advocacy and Public Policy Initiatives
- Call to Action

Legislative Action

- Members of Congress are currently considering economic stimulus legislation, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan...
- **Future legislation could include approximately \$20 billion for Health Care IT.**
- Health IT provisions for the legislation, released to date by Congressional Committees, concern the role of health IT in saving jobs, money, and lives.

President Barack Obama

- The Promise of Healthcare IT (EMR, EHR, PHR)
- Require hospitals to collect and report health care cost and quality data
- Overall goal of cost reduction

Utah HIT legislation

HB 133: Passed during the 2008 session and signed into law on March 19, 2008, requires the Department of Health, the Insurance Department, and the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) to work with the Legislature to develop the state's strategic plan for health system reform.

Health System Reform Task Force: Task Force was required to recommend legislation. As such, three related bills are being presented in the 2009 general session, all sponsored by the Health System Reform Task Force.

1. Health Reform - Insurance Market
2. Health Reform - Administrative Simplification
3. Health Reform - Health Insurance Coverage in State Contracts

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Advocacy and Awareness Groups

Utah Health Policy Project

UHPP is a resource for the public, community leaders, businesses, health care providers and policy makers interested in strengthening the health care system while working to develop visionary and systemic solutions to the crisis of the uninsured and rising health care costs

<http://www.healthpolicyproject.org/>

Center for Public Policy & Administration

The mission of the Center for Public Policy & Administration is to provide research, education, and services to public and nonprofit organizations that will strengthen administration, leadership and public policy making

<http://www.cppa.utah.edu/>

Advocacy and Awareness Groups

Utah Legislature Watch

Utah Legislature Watch is dedicated to news and opinion regarding Utah's Legislature and lawmakers. News feeds will provide the latest headlines and posts will offer insights and opinions on lawmaker's activities

<http://utahlegislaturewatch.org>

Utah Hospitals and Health Systems Association

Vision: To be the state's most influential, trusted and respected leader in healthcare policy and advocacy and a valued resource for information and knowledge

<http://www.uha-utah.org>

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- U.S. House of Representatives
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