

**PREMIUM ASSISTANCE UNDER MEDICAID AND CHIP**

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Dean Sanpei**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends the Medical Assistance Act of the Utah Health Code.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

▶ directs the Utah Department of Health to seek to maximize the use of Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program funds for assistance in the purchase of private health insurance coverage for Medicaid-eligible and non-Medicaid-eligible individuals.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**26-18-3.8**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 279

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **26-18-3.8** is amended to read:

**26-18-3.8. Maximizing use of premium assistance programs -- Utah's Premium Partnership for Health Insurance.**



28           (1) (a) The department shall seek to maximize the use of Medicaid and Children's  
29 Health Insurance Program funds for assistance in the purchase of private health insurance  
30 coverage for Medicaid-eligible and non-Medicaid-eligible individuals.

31           (b) The department's efforts to expand the use of premium assistance shall:

32           (i) include, as necessary, seeking federal approval under all Medicaid and Children's  
33 Health Insurance Program premium assistance provisions of federal law, including provisions  
34 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148;

35           (ii) give priority to, but not be limited to, expanding the state's Utah Premium  
36 Partnership for Health Insurance Program, including as required under Subsection (2); and

37           (iii) encourage the enrollment of all individuals within a household in the same plan,  
38 where possible.

39           (c) Any increase in state costs resulting from an expansion of premium assistance may  
40 not exceed offsetting reductions in Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program state  
41 costs attributable to the expansion.

42           (2) The department shall seek federal approval of an amendment to the state's Utah  
43 Premium Partnership for Health Insurance program to adjust the eligibility determination for  
44 single adults and parents who have an offer of employer sponsored insurance. The amendment  
45 shall:

46           ~~[(1)]~~ (a) be within existing appropriations for the Utah Premium Partnership for Health  
47 Insurance program; and

48           ~~[(2)]~~ (b) provide that adults who are up to 200% of the federal poverty level are eligible  
49 for premium subsidies in the Utah Premium Partnership for Health Insurance program.

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