

# SUPPORT HEALTHY UTAH (SB164)!

Access to affordable, quality health coverage and care is essential for individuals and families to stay healthy and productive. **Utah has an opportunity to cover more individuals and save millions of dollars through the *Healthy Utah* plan. Adopting *Healthy Utah* will bring our tax dollars home to help provide health coverage to hard-working families.**

*Healthy Utah* is important to the families living in the neighborhoods where United Way of Salt Lake works. Currently, 27 percent of children and 63 percent of adults lack health insurance.<sup>1</sup> These parents would be eligible for Medicaid if the state adopts *Healthy Utah*, and they would likely enroll their children, **reducing the uninsured rate for both groups.**

**By 2017, 126,000 Utahns are expected to enroll in *Healthy Utah*.  
Of those:**



85 percent of families that would benefit from *Healthy Utah* include at least one working adult. Additionally, most of those who did not work in the previous year cited “taking care of family” as the reason for unemployment.<sup>3</sup>

### Benefits of *Healthy Utah*:

- \$460 million of Utahns’ tax dollars will come back to Utah by 2017
- Gives state maximum long-term flexibility
- Creates affordable private market-based options for working individuals and families
- Unifies families in the same health insurance plan
- Provides life stability for Utahns who do not have health insurance
- Boosts economic development by creating jobs
- Offers one-time money to pay for two year pilot program

***The time is NOW* for Utah to help our neighbors, our friends, our families!** Every day we wait decreases the tax dollars that come back to Utah, and puts people at risk for serious health issues and economic instability. Let your voice be heard at [uw.org/advocate](http://uw.org/advocate).  
**#HealthyUT**

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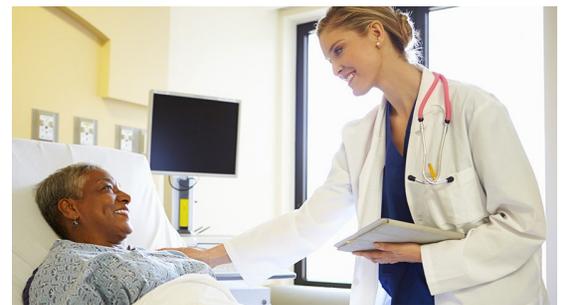
## FAST FACTS

To be eligible for *Healthy Utah* benefits an individual must:

- Have an income below 133% of the federal poverty level (a family of four at 133% FPL earns \$31,731 a year)
- Be a U.S. citizen or legal resident who has been in the country for at least five years

Parents who have health insurance are more likely to be healthy and are:

- Better able to care for their children
- More productive at work
- More likely to be self sufficient
- More likely to insure their children
- Less likely to face bankruptcy due to medical costs



<sup>1</sup> United Way of Salt Lake 2014 Annual Survey

<sup>2</sup> *Healthy Utah*: Provide Coverage, Protect the Taxpayer, Promote Individual Responsibility. (December 2014). Governor Gary R. Herbert.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid