# Health Care Week 5

**Feb 28, 2020**

**Total Bills Exported : 21**

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**Issues**
Healthcare, Business Climate

**Labels**
Utah Professionals Health Program

**Title**
Utah Professionals Health Program

**Description**
Creates an advisory committee within DOPL to provide an alternative to public disciplinary actions for healthcare professionals who have substance use disorders.

**Categories**
Health, Crime, Civil Rights, Government Administration, Legal Affairs, Labor & Employment, Law Enforcement & Public Safety

**Primary Sponsors**
Brad Daw, Keith Grover

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**Issues**
Healthcare

**Labels**
Pharmacy Benefit Amendments

**Title**
Pharmacy Benefit Amendments

**Description**
Makes significant changes to the relationships between insurers and pharmacists and provides new guidelines for pharmacists related to drug pricing and how drug and medical devices prices are presented to the public.

**Categories**
Health, Financials, Crime, Industrials, Consumers

**Primary Sponsors**
Paul Ray

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**Issues**
Healthcare, Community

**Labels**
Mental Health Workforce Amendments

**Title**
Mental Health Workforce Amendments

**Description**
Requires the University of Utah Health Sciences to select two additional psychiatry residents in the 2021-22 academic year.

**Categories**
Health, Budget, Families & Children, Education

**Primary Sponsors**
Sue Duckworth, Ralph Okerlund, Steve Eliason
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**Issues**
Healthcare, Community

**Labels**
Mental Health Services Amendments

**Title**
Mental Health Services Amendments

**Description**
Creates the Mental Health Services Fund administered by the University Neuropsychiatric Institute to help provide mental health therapy, access to evaluations, coordination of short-term care, and to develop a system to access information and referrals for mental health therapy for qualified individuals. A Qualified Individual is an individual who is referred for mental health therapy to the University Neuropsychiatric Institute by a mental health therapist, a crisis worker, based on the individual's call to a local mental health crisis line, or the statewide mental health crisis line.

**Categories**
Health, Social Issues, Crime, Families & Children

**Primary Sponsors**
Daniel Thatcher, Patrice Arent

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**Issues**
Healthcare, Labor and Employment

**Labels**
Mental Health Counselor Licensing Amendments

**Title**
Mental Health Counselor Licensing Amendments

**Description**
Permits a clinical mental health counselor to satisfy licensure requirements if they can show Board certification as a Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor from the National Board of Certified Counselors.

**Categories**
Health, Families & Children, Labor & Employment, Education

**Primary Sponsors**
Todd Weiler, Joel Ferry

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**Issues**
Healthcare, Labor and Employment

**Labels**
Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program Amendments

**Title**
Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program Amendments

**Description**
Permits the department to provide education loan repayment assistance (20% of total award amount) to geriatric or health care professionals who agree to practice in an underserved area.

**Categories**
Health, Budget, Labor & Employment

**Primary Sponsors**
Ray Ward, Dan Hemmert

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**Issues**
Healthcare, Other

**Labels**
Crisis Services Amendments

**Title**
Crisis Services Amendments

**Description**
Directs the Dept. of Heath to apply for a Medicaid waiver to allow for inpatient mental health treatment. Increases the grant program for mobile crisis outreach teams in counties of the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth class. Creates a Behavioural Health Receiving Center pilot program and the "statewide warm line."

**Categories**
Health, Crime, Budget, Families & Children, Social Issues, Labor & Employment, Legal Affairs

**Primary Sponsors**
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**Issues**: Healthcare, Other

**Labels**: Healthcare

**Title**: Disability Benefit Amendments

**Description**: Allows an eligible employee to receive disability benefits for an objective medical impairment for mental impairments as well as physical ones.

**Categories**: Social Issues, Labor & Employment, Legal Affairs, Financials, Families & Children

**Primary Sponsors**: Brian King, Dan Hemmert, Walt Brooks

**Title**: Insulin Access Amendments

**Description**: Creates incentives for health benefit provider plans to provide lower costs for insulin.

**Categories**: Health, Financials, Labor & Employment

**Primary Sponsors**: Norm Thurston, Deidre Henderson

**Title**: Concurrent Resolution Encouraging Cultural Intelligence and Linguistic Competence

**Description**: Encourages Utah's health and social services providers to deliver culturally intelligent and linguistically competent services.

**Categories**: Health, Social Issues, Government Administration, National Security & Defense

**Primary Sponsors**: Val Potter, Luz Escamilla

**Title**: Mental Health Treatment Access Amendments

**Description**: Reopens 30 new beds at the Utah State Hospital and expands assertive community treatment teams (ACT teams) to provide mental health treatment outside of the state hospital. Also provides transitional assistance, including housing for those leaving the state hospital.


**Primary Sponsors**: Steve Eliason, Todd Weller
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**Issues**  Healthcare

**Labels**

**Title**  Associate Physician and Physician Assistant Amendments

**Description**  Authorizes a physician assistant to work as a mental health therapist. Removes the requirement that limits associate physicians to practice in medically underserved populations or in medically underserved areas within the state. Increases the time period for which associate physicians can be licensed from 4 years to 5 years.

**Categories**  Health, Labor & Employment, Families & Children, Crime, Social Issues

**Primary Sponsors**  Ray Ward

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**Issues**  Healthcare

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**Title**  Pharmacy Practice Act Amendments

**Description**  Enacts various amendments regulating pharmacy practices, including amending provisions relating to the ability to dispense abuterol substitutes and epinephrine auto-injectors, and exempts physicians from civil liability for dispensing epinephrine auto-injectors and stock abuterol under certain circumstances. Increases the amount of non-controlled substances that can be dispensed in an emergency. Allows a dispensing medical practitioner to dispense a labeled, pre-packaged seven-days supply of HIV post-exposure prophylaxis to a patient at a rape crisis center. Exempts controlled substances dispensed for administration or use in a health care facility outpatient setting from reporting to the state’s controlled substance database.

**Categories**  Health, Education, Food & Beverage, Crime, Families & Children, Labor & Employment

**Primary Sponsors**  Evan Vickers, Suzanne Harrison

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**Issues**  Healthcare, Education

**Labels**

**Title**  Mental Health Insurance Requirements

**Description**  Prohibits an insurer from imposing a numerical non-quantitative treatment limitation on mental health benefits and substance use disorder benefits.

**Categories**  Health, Financials, Government Administration, Labor & Employment, Crime

**Primary Sponsors**  Brian King

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**Issues**  Healthcare

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**Title**  Identifying Wasteful Health Care Spending

**Description**  Requires the Department of Health to contract with an organization in order to identify wasteful spending practices in health care and annual report on the results of the analysis.

**Categories**  Health, Government Administration, Financials, Budget

**Primary Sponsors**  Suzanne Harrison, Evan Vickers
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**Issues**
Healthcare, Business Climate

**Labels**

**Title**
Audiology and Speech-language Pathology Interstate Compact

**Description**
Enacts an interstate compact for the purpose of facilitating interstate practice of audiology and speech-language pathology with the goal of improving public access to services.

**Categories**

**Primary Sponsors**
Derrin Owens, Evan Vickers

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**Title**
Concurrent Resolution Encouraging Congressional Action on Prescription Drug Prices

**Description**
Encourages the United States Congress to provide Medicare with the policy tools necessary to negotiate significant reductions in the prices it pays for prescription drugs.

**Categories**
Health, Government Administration, Social Issues

**Primary Sponsors**
Suzanne Harrison, Evan Vickers

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**Title**
Notice of Drug Price Increase

**Description**
Requires a drug manufacturer to notify and provide information to a purchaser if an increase if the wholesale acquisition cost increases 10% or more over a 12-month period. Requires a drug manufacturer that is required to provide notice or that introduces a new drug to submit certain information including an explanation of how financial and nonfinancial factors justify the increase in the wholesale cost of a qualified drug to the Insurance Department.

**Categories**
Health, Financials, Government Administration, Labor & Employment

**Primary Sponsors**
Mike Winder

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**Issues**
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**Title**
Treatment Medication Amendments

**Description**
Prohibits a health benefit plan from requiring step therapy for certain drugs used to treat stage-IV advanced metastatic cancer or associated conditions.

**Categories**
Health, Food & Beverage, Financials

**Primary Sponsors**
Karen Mayne
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