

# Utahns for Sustainable Health Reform

## U-SHARE

*Working toward affordable, high-quality health care for all Utahns.*

### GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES ENDORSEMENT FORM

**U-SHARE** (Utahns for Sustainable HeAlth REform) is a coalition of businesses, individuals, and community and provider organizations united to support the **implementation** of comprehensive state and federal health reform measures that promote **affordable access to quality health care** for all people residing in Utah. As a coalition we believe that the implementation of health reform measures includes a balance of the private and public sectors.

The following principles are guides to reaching the goal of affordable access to quality health care for all people residing in Utah:

#### **Ensure adequate access to health care and coverage for all Utah residents.**

- Develop and enforce affordability standards that limit how much of an individual's or family's income can be spent on all out-of-pocket health care spending.
- Ensure access to a medical home for everyone in Utah, and an adequate supply and distribution of primary care providers.
- Provide cost relief in the form of premium subsidies for low- and moderate- income families.
- Fully fund public programs and enroll all who are eligible and not covered by private health insurance.

#### **Contain the cost of health care.**

- Harness prevention and wellness strategies and resources.
- Eliminate fraud, abuse, and waste.
- Utilize all proven cost containment measures and resources available in federal health reform (the ACA), such as grants for demonstration projects, emphasizing robust payment and delivery system reforms.
- Ensure that the Utah Health Exchange is ACA compliant, including risk pooling, seamless integration with public programs, and inclusion of the individual market.
- Apply lessons from Utah's Medicaid reform process to system-wide payment and delivery system reforms.

#### **Build accountability and transparency into the health care system**

- Include a strong consumer and small business voice in the Utah Health Exchange.
- Build a governance structure for the Utah Health Exchange that avoids conflicts of interest.
- Maximize input from stakeholders, impacted individuals, and businesses in reform decisions.
- Post all relevant materials (minutes, drafts, analyses) on a publicly accessible website.

**Education** about reform to Utah's decision-makers and the public is *vital* to attaining U-SHARE's goals. We are dedicated to educating Utah's decision-makers about the impact of health reform on the access, quality, and cost of health care for all Utahns. We are equally dedicated to educating the public about their rights and responsibilities under federal and state health reform law and how to advocate for the implementation of state and federal health reform measures.

*Yes! I agree with U-SHARE's goals and guiding principles. I want to work toward the implementation of comprehensive state and federal health reform measures that promote affordable access to quality health care for all people residing in Utah. (Check applicable boxes below).*

- I would like to add my name to the list of supporters who publicly endorse U-SHARE's principles and associated advocacy on behalf of Utahns.
- I would like to add my organization or business to the list of supporters who publicly endorse U-SHARE's principles and associated advocacy on behalf of Utahns. I would like to share my health care story with U-SHARE for use in education and advocacy efforts.
- I would like to support U-SHARE financially.
- I would like to volunteer time to help U-SHARE.
- Please add me to the U-SHARE e-mail list to receive news, information and alerts about health system reform.

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