



# Utah Medicaid H.R. 1 Project Status

## August 2026 Update

### Project Workstreams

- **Medicaid provision status:** Currently tracking 17 total provisions.
  - 12 in progress across various implementation phases.
  - 5 successfully completed.
- **CMS guidance and federal grants:**
  - **CMS guidance received:**
    - CE [Interim Final Rule](#) (6/1/2026)
    - Budget Neutrality [Guidance](#) (6/11/2026)
    - State Directed Payment [Proposed Rule](#) (5/20/2026)
    - Eligibility Redetermination [Guidance](#) (3/6/2026)
    - Qualified Immigrant [Guidance](#) (4/8/2026)
    - Provider Taxes Guidance [Proposed Rule](#) (7/21/2026)
    - **Still waiting** on additional guidance for Retro and Erroneous Payments
  - **Government Efficiency Grants:**
    - Utah will be awarded a FY2027 grant (\$<1M, one-time) under **Sec. 71121** to upgrade HCBS system/data infrastructure.

### Policy Development

- **Section 71109, Qualified Immigrant, work began on Monday, 6/8/26.** Initial outcomes show:
  - Among HCBS waiver members: 52 (100%) have been determined to still have an eligible status (great news!).
  - Among other members **worked so far:** 4,866(80%) have been determined to still have an eligible status and 1,223 (20%) need more information to justify qualified status.
- **Community engagement, 6 month renewals, retroactive coverage** in the development phase.

### Data Integration and System Readiness

- **Data source integration status:**



- **Completed:** Incarceration (CCJJ) and address validation (NCOA) integrations live.
- **In progress:** Federal Data Hub (VA/Education), Medically Frail system bridge, and DWS employment system (Uworks to eREP) connections.
- **Development:** All provisions currently in progress and on track for timely completion.

## Stakeholder Engagement and Communication

- **The new OBBBA webpage is now live:** [medicaid.utah.gov/obbba](https://medicaid.utah.gov/obbba)
- **Targeted outreach:**
  - **Community engagement requirement and 6 month eligibility reviews:** member letter was sent out on July 15, 2026.
  - **Initial targeted outreach notice and text message for community engagement** from DWS will be sent beginning September 1, 2026.
- **H.R. 1 HPR customer service support**
  - The division is moving forward with hiring three new Health Program Representatives (HPRs) to provide customer service support for the implementation and ongoing member questions of H.R. 1.
- **Stakeholder engagement**
  - **H.R. 1 Community Partner Engagement Group (CPEG)**
    - The H.R. 1 CPEG has moved past initial planning into active collaboration. One of our main focuses now is to create a space for local experts (partners) to share knowledge, pool resources, and work together to protect vulnerable populations.
  - **MCE H.R. 1 Monthly Coordination:**
    - The August MCE H.R. 1 coordination meeting included a review of the Managed Care Entity (MCE) Communication Toolkit Survey results, a summary of the Interim Final Rule (IFR), and a discussion of the H.R. 1 requirements for substance use disorder (SUD) nonprofit providers.
  - **UHPP:**
    - The department has contracted with UHPP to utilize them as community navigators to provide statewide, hands-on assistance to ensure eligible members maintain continuity of coverage.