



# 2024 Legislative Affairs Priorities

## HEALTHCARE SUBCOMMITTEE

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### **Position Statement**

ChamberWest recognizes that individual and population health are integral to the community's quality of life, economic success, and prosperity. The promotion of healthy lifestyles and access to essential health care service are key priorities.

### **Collaborative Efforts**

Managing the health of the community requires collaboration between governmental, private, and non-profit organizations. These organizations must work together to ensure that access to health care services for all community members is equitable, efficient, and affordable.

### **Policy and Healthcare Reform**

We support public policy and healthcare reform which:

1. Preserves, supports, and strengthens programs for the underinsured and uninsured;
2. Promotes individual responsibility and accountability for personal health;
3. Maximizes the acquisition and reallocation of resources that have been contributed through state and federal taxes and includes flexibility, creativity, and sustainability for future federal funding;
4. Supports initiatives which will increase the numbers of physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals to promote a healthier population;
5. Provides resources and encourages employers to provide insurance and government to create a policy environment that is friendly to sustaining employer-based coverage;
6. Promotes awareness of mental health issues and provides additional resources and programs to improve access for mental health services;
7. Monitors development in medical marijuana and other traditional and nontraditional uses and therapies to promote responsible medical practice;
8. Promotes awareness of substance abuse and addiction and provides resources and programs to curb current trends;
9. Promotes policies that support the sustainability and growth of Utah's healthcare/life sciences innovation ecosystem;
10. Prioritizes incentives that will help accelerate the development of critical products, meet any future storages of PPE or other vital products; and innovate and support new ideas, technologies, treatments, and methods for addressing COVID-19 and any future pandemic;
11. Supports resources to strengthen partnerships between the general public, first responders, and medical providers;

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12. Encourages efforts to support, attract, and retain health care providers, reflective of the community, to meet the growing demand;
13. Encourages federal and state policies that promote quality health care services in the most cost effective and least restrictive environment including home health care and assisted living opportunities when appropriate.

### **Market-driven Principles**

ChamberWest supports initiatives which promote market-driven principles which help Utah and businesses provide high-quality, affordable health care for our community.

### **Subcommittee Members**

Susan Daniels, SelectHealth – Co-Chair  
Nathanael Budge, Holy Cross Hospital/Common Spirit – Co-Chair  
Chris Dallin, Intermountain Healthcare  
Ernest Burgess, Councilmember, Taylorsville City  
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