

# Utah Medicaid DSH

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# Utah DSH Federal Funding

- 2005      \$11,838,439
- 2006      \$13,732,589
- 2007      \$15,929,803
- 2008      \$18,478,571
- 2009      \$19,698,157  
(includes \$480,443 ARRA increase)

# Per Capita DSH (Similar Population Size)

Rank of DSH per Capita	State	LOW DSH ?	Projected DSH Spending	Population (in Millions) July 1, 2008 U.S. Census	DSH per Capita	% of Utah per Capita
N/A	United States	N/A	\$11,042,000,000	301.8	\$ 36.59	420%
2	District of Columbia		\$60,000,000	0.5	\$ 120.00	1605%
29	Nevada		\$45,000,000	2.6	\$ 17.31	146%
50	Utah	Low	\$19,000,000	2.7	\$ 7.04	0%
34	Arkansas	Low	\$42,000,000	2.8	\$ 15.00	113%
36	Kansas		\$40,000,000	2.8	\$ 14.29	103%
12	Mississippi		\$149,000,000	2.9	\$ 51.38	630%
24	California		\$1,073,000,000	36.7	\$ 29.24	315%

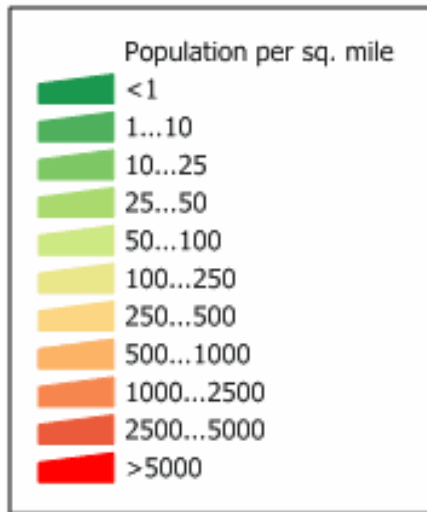
# Per Capita DSH (Rank by Per Capita DSH)

Rank of DSH per Capita	State	LOW DSH ?	Projected DSH Spending	Population (in Millions) July 1, 2008 U.S. Census	DSH per Capita	% of Utah per Capita
N/A	United States	N/A	\$11,042,000,000	301.8	\$ 36.59	420%
1	Louisiana		\$731,000,000	4.4	\$ 166.14	2261%
2	District of Columbia		\$60,000,000	0.5	\$ 120.00	1605%
3	New Hampshire		\$156,000,000	1.3	\$ 120.00	1605%
48	Oklahoma	Low	\$35,000,000	3.6	\$ 9.72	38%
49	Hawaii		\$10,000,000	1.2	\$ 8.33	18%
50	Utah	Low	\$19,000,000	2.7	\$ 7.04	0%
51	Wyoming	Low	\$0	0.5	\$ -	-100%

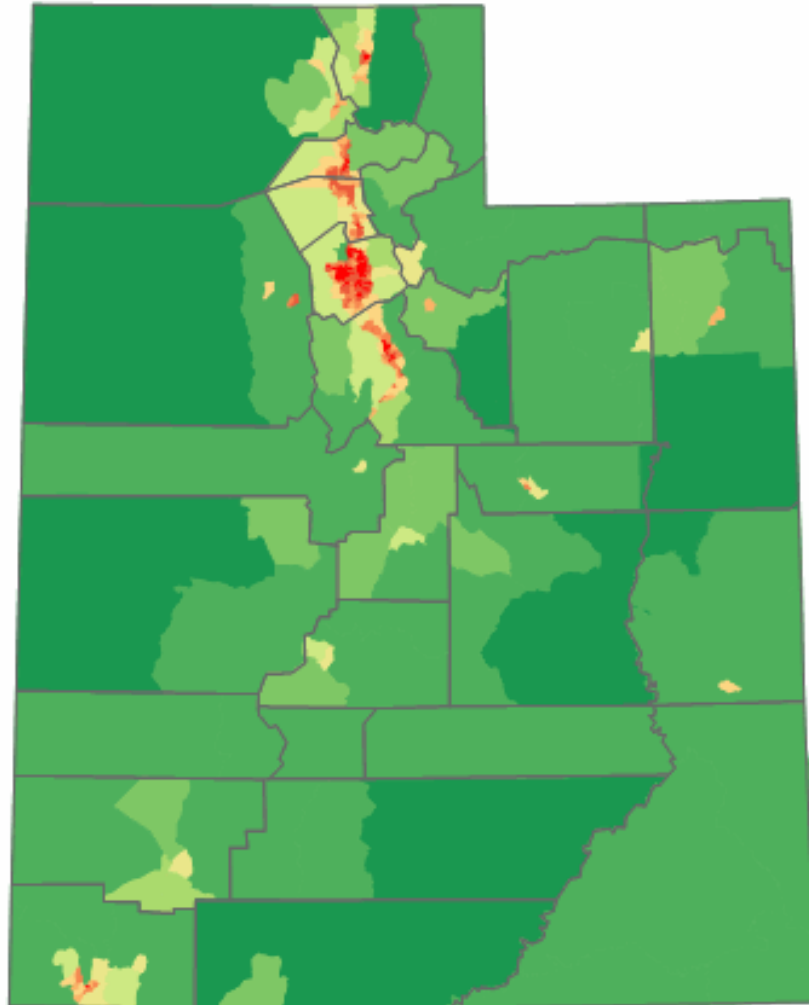
# Per Uninsured DSH

Rank of DSH per Uninsured	State	LOW DSH ?	Projected DSH Spending	# of Uninsured	DSH per Uninsured	% of Utah Per Uninsured
N/A	United States	N/A	\$11,042,000,000	52,060,000	\$ 212.10	358%
1	District of Columbia		\$60,000,000	60,000	\$1,000.00	2058%
2	New Hampshire		\$156,000,000	160,000	\$ 975.00	2004%
3	Louisiana		\$731,000,000	970,000	\$ 753.61	1526%
<b>48</b>	<b>Utah</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>\$19,000,000</b>	<b>410,000</b>	<b>\$ 46.34</b>	<b>0%</b>
49	Florida		\$195,000,000	4,390,000	\$ 44.42	-4%
50	New Mexico	Low	\$19,000,000	510,000	\$ 37.25	-20%
51	Wyoming	Low	\$0	80,000	\$ -	-100%

# Utah's Population Distribution



Source: U. S. Census Bureau  
Census 2000 Summary File 1  
population by census tract.



# Utah DSH Funding

- Federal funds
  - State funds
  - IGT
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- Note: No funding comes from provider assessments

# Utah DSH Distribution

- Urban hospitals – 22 (1 seeded)
- Rural hospitals – 19 (7 seeded)

# DSH Allocation

- Claims add-on (small amount)
- Public provider seeded payment
  - Specific amount held for Rural hospitals
  - Remaining available to teaching hospital
  - Uncompensated care cost limits apply

# Utah DSH Distribution

- Hospital Type:
  - Urban <\$1K to >\$15M
  - Rural ~\$1K - \$1M

# What role does Medicaid DSH play in Utah?

- DSH is the only supplemental source of funding
- DSH *attempts* to adequately compensate for the uninsured and Medicaid populations
- DSH supports funding of, but falls short in covering, the Medicaid and uninsured uncompensated care costs
- Provides some relief for federal mandates (e.g., EMTALA)
- DSH helps small, rural facilities remain viable, especially in extreme rural areas
  - Tour bus crash in Mexican Hat (Jan. 2008)



# How do Utah hospitals use DSH?

It is used to offset uncompensated care costs of providing services to Medicaid recipients and the uninsured.

# DSH – Could Utah use more?

- **Absolutely!!!**

- Unused DSH from high DSH states should be available to low DSH states.
- DSH should be reallocated based on historical, appropriate, use.