



Financial Directors Peer Group Meeting

October 28, 2022

Peer Group Members Present	Mimi Trujillo, Carbon Medical Services Association Jeff Huyboom, Creek Valley Health Clinic Eric Johnson, Mountainlands Family Health Center Stormy Scharp, Utah Partners for Health
AUCH Staff Present	Courtney Pariera Dinkins, AUCH Kaitlynn Drollinger, AUCH Jenifer Lloyd, AUCH
Other Presenters Present	N/A
Top Issues / Best Practice Sharing (Roundtable)	<p>Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHE extension projected to end April 2023 • Covid only Medicaid Beneficiaries will immediately lose coverage when PHE Ends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recommend working with patients for options ○ Department of Workforce Services will be overwhelmed • COVID Vaccine added to VFC, but not a required vaccine for children • DHHS continues to release unwinding materials and information: While the end of the PHE remains unclear, the Utah Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) continues to prepare to restart Medicaid eligibility redeterminations and the end of some Medicaid flexibilities. Most recently, DHHS released a document outlining which flexibilities were taken at the beginning of the PHE, and what their status will be post-PHE. Two examples of upcoming changes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Utah Medicaid will go back to following CMS guidelines regarding face-to-face requirements and will end the waiving of face-to-face requirements. ○ Utah Medicaid will continue to waive cost sharing requirements for COVID-19 testing, treatment, and vaccines. The American Rescue Plan cost sharing exemption will last until one year and one quarter after the end of the PHE. ○ You can find the full list HERE. • Additionally, Georgetown University released an “Unwinding Tracker,” which determines what unwinding information can be found publicly for each state. Utah ranked the highest, tied with Arizona, California, Michigan, and Nevada. This is another reassurance that Utah is poised to be one of the most well-prepared states post-PHE.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 340B <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Opportunity to shine a spotlight on how 340B revenue is being spent, so recommend creating talking points to share with representatives. ○ Contract Pharmacy Restrictions remain in effect <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NACHC submitted a lawsuit, but thrown out, and no currently good way to contest it. ▪ Mountainlands license to provide telepharmacy was approved. Hiring two part-time techs. Emphasized barrier to patients accessing 340B meds in application. • Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program still accepting applications: The state primary care loan repayment program, the Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program (HCWFAP) is still accepting applications until all funding is awarded. Any provider interested is encouraged to apply ASAP. As a reminder, the program has a host site match of 20% the total award amount. For more information and application, visit the program website or reach out to Rachel (rcraig@auch.org). • Chronic Disease Reporting Pilot- participation awards will be going out in the next week. • Azara FIN/Ops Learning Labs are being scheduled. The email will come from Leah Dafoulas. • UDS Training- November 15 and 17th. If want a hard copy book, please register before November 4th. • Medicaid Change in Scope- Proposed rule attached; scheduled tentatively to take effect at the end of January. AUCH is working with Curt Degenfelder on the PPS Calculation form that will use your Medicare Cost Report and add in Medicaid allowable expenses not included in Medicare report.
Next Meeting	VIRTUAL, January 27 th at 10am to 11am