To Our Partners in Medicaid,

With the Medicaid budget growing from $0.8 billion in 1999 to $1.8 billion in 2009 (with no slowing on the horizon), it is our desire to ensure professional, prudent stewardship over the use of all funds. The Medicaid program is large and has many participants, therefore, coordination can be lost and some regulations may be unnecessarily cumbersome. It is important for us to ensure that the money in this program goes toward providing high quality service for real identified needs in an efficient manner.

We are interested in any and all ideas for improving Medicaid in the State of Utah. Please do not limit yourself to what is currently allowed by federal or state law as changes can be proposed to both. While these questions are not the only ideas we want to hear, hopefully they serve to spark some areas of ideas you may have:

1. What areas of Medicaid could be improved?

2. What are we doing now that is working well and should be expanded? What are we doing now that is not working well?

3. How effectively are our current service models serving the needs of Medicaid clients? What service models would better serve the needs of Medicaid clients?

4. What improvements should be made to better deliver and/or administer Medicaid services in the state?

5. How could the coordination of oversight responsibilities be improved? How could we limit the administrative burden required?

6. In your opinion which area of the Medicaid program is most abused?

We would like your creative ideas to improve Medicaid in Utah. As you consider your responses, please keep in mind the following points:

1. Since state funds are being used, some level of oversight is likely necessary

2. Money does not exist to fund every need for everyone

3. We want to reward and encourage positive health outcomes for clients

Please provide your ideas at http://survey.le.utah.gov/checkbox/UtahMedicaid.aspx by July 31, 2010. Thank you for your help in identifying areas where the state can improve Medicaid. Together we can make a difference.

Sincerely,

David Clark, Speaker of the House of Representatives

Michael Waddoups, President of the Senate