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**Street Medicine Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Tyler Clancy**

Senate Sponsor:

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**LONG TITLE**

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**General Description:**

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This bill addresses street medicine.

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**Highlighted Provisions:**

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This bill:

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- directs the University of Utah Health to study the feasibility of providing a street medicine program;

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- requires reporting;

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- requires the Department of Health and Human Services (the department) to develop a guide for street medicine providers;

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- grants the department rulemaking authority; and

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- defines terms.

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**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

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**Other Special Clauses:**

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**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

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ENACTS:

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**26B-4-327**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

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Section 1. Section **26B-4-327** is enacted to read:

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**26B-4-327 . Street medicine.**

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(1) As used in this section:

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(a) "Street medicine" means health care that is provided by a licensed health care

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provider, who conducts patient visits outside of a health care facility, clinic, or shelter

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to an individual experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

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(b)(i) "Unsheltered homelessness" means not having a long-term or permanent

- 31 structure in which to live.
- 32 (ii) "Unsheltered homelessness" may include sleeping in a vehicle, abandoned
- 33 building, farm, wilderness, street, park, or encampment.
- 34 (2) A person providing street medicine shall not engage in conduct that requires a license
- 35 under Title 58, Occupations and Professions, unless the person holds the applicable
- 36 license.
- 37 (3)(a) The University of Utah Health, in consultation with existing street medicine
- 38 providers, shall study the feasibility of establishing a street medicine program to
- 39 serve Davis, Salt Lake, and Utah counties.
- 40 (b) The University of Utah Health shall provide a written report with findings and
- 41 recommendations to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee on or before
- 42 August 31, 2027.
- 43 (4) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
- 44 department may make rules permitting the department to share certain health
- 45 information with the Utah Homeless Management Information System, described in
- 46 Section 35A-16-202.
- 47 (5) On or before July 1, 2026, the department shall, with the input of organizations
- 48 currently delivering street medicine, develop and publish guidelines, standards, and best
- 49 practices for street medicine providers, including:
- 50 (a) recommended procedures relating to Medicaid coverage and reimbursement; and
- 51 (b) available community resources that serve individuals experiencing homelessness.

52 Section 2. **Effective Date.**

53 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.