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States Opt Out of Obamacare

States are working to opt out of federally-controlled health care. The Utah Senate has just passed a bill to join an interstate health care compact that would allow Utah to opt out of federal health care reform. Compacts would also let states control Medicaid and Medicare dollars through block grants. The feds would return the money to the State with no strings attached.

Compact bills have been introduced in 18 states, most recently in Minnesota, Alabama, Florida, New Hampshire, South Dakota and Virginia. The compact has been signed into law in Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Georgia, but it was vetoed in Arizona and Montana. According to the U.S. Constitution, Congress must approve the compact before it can take effect.

“Utah Senate passes bill to opt out of federal health reform,” Lee Davidson, The Salt Lake Tribune, March 5, 2012.