SALIS Whitepaper

Salis — A constructed sacred word rooted in ancient Latin. It echoes salus (health and well-being), sal (salt, the essence of life and preservation), and salve (to heal or soothe). Though not a classical term itself, Salis carries a purposeful synthesis of these origins — symbolizing the regenerative, reciprocal energy of care, both given and received.

Section 1: Introduction

Salis is a decentralized care economy built on Cardano, designed to empower individuals to take control of their health by rewarding care—not compliance. Rather than mimicking traditional insurance models, Salis introduces a sovereign, community-governed system that values both Western and holistic health practices equally.

Section 2: The Problem

The current healthcare system is exclusionary, bureaucratic, and often punishes the uninsured. Freelancers, alternative healing providers, and seekers of holistic wellness are left out. Existing tools like FSA and HSA accounts are limited to state-approved services and are bound by rigid policies that exclude many valid forms of healing.

Section 3: The Salis Solution

Salis flips the system. It's not an insurance provider—it's a sovereign health commons that: • Uses Cardano-native wallets and smart contracts • Enables decentralized governance through a DAO • Rewards real acts of care with $SALIS tokens • Offers a curated, community-trusted provider network

Section 4: Who It's For

Salis serves: • Self-employed individuals • Alternative and spiritual practitioners • Root cause and somatic therapists • Healing seekers outside traditional systems • Parents, birth workers, midwives • Mutual-aid-minded communities

Section 5: System Overview

Salis has five integrated components: 1. Wallet & Smart Contracts: Users connect with a Cardano wallet to manage funds and book care. 2. $SALIS Token: A non-tradable utility token used for reputation, rewards, and governance. 3. DAO Governance: Decisions are made by the community with sovereign participation. 4. Provider Network: Verified through community trust, not just state licensing. 5. Treasury & Reserve Pool: ADA-backed pool for sustainability and emergency care.

Section 6: Token Design – $SALIS

$SALIS is: • Non-tradable to avoid speculation • Earned through giving or receiving verified care • Used to access offerings, vote, and verify providers • Minted progressively through trust milestones Trust gates include: • Completing verified sessions • Earning endorsements • Participating in

governance