

Speak Up For Kids

Advocacy Briefing



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Agenda:

- Understand the Legislative Process
- Update on Key State and Federal Issues
- Advice for Advocates
- Q & A

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Why Advocate for Kids?

Challenging Environment for Pediatric Care

Ensuring Adequate Access to Care

Federal Block Grants for Medicaid

Proposed Reductions in Medical Education for Pediatricians

Medication Access

Federal Deficit Spending

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Understanding the Legislative Process



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Opinions on the Legislative Process



"There are two things you don't want to see being made—sausage and legislation."

—Otto Von Bismarck

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Why So Complicated and Slow?

"In the legislature, promptitude of decision is oftener an evil than a benefit. The differences of opinion, and the jarring of parties in that department of government, though they may sometimes obstruct salutary plans, yet often promote deliberation and circumspection, and serve to check excesses in the majority."

Alexander Hamilton, *Federalist Number 70*

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Active Federal Issues

- Sequestration Cuts: Effective March 1, 2013
 - Office of Management and Budget to initiate spending cuts totaling \$1.2 trillion over 9 years
- Reach the Debt Ceiling: May 19, 2013
 - Once reached the federal government will no longer have authority to borrow funds to cover existing obligations.
- Expiration of Appropriations: September 30, 2013
 - Congress must appropriate additional funds for the continued operation of the federal government.



Breaking it down: Impact of the Affordable Care Act on Akron Children's Hospital

The passage of legislation in the House of the Affordable Care Act has attracted as much attention as the Affordable Care Act itself. The ACA is a landmark piece of legislation that will reshape the way we deliver health care. The ACA is a landmark piece of legislation that will reshape the way we deliver health care. The ACA is a landmark piece of legislation that will reshape the way we deliver health care.

Medicaid

The ACA expanded Medicaid to cover more people, including those with incomes up to 133% of the federal poverty level. This means that more people will be able to afford health care, which is good for everyone.

Private Insurance

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Public Health

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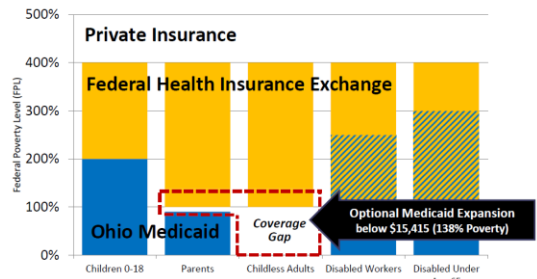


Active State Issues

- APN/ PA Admitting Authority, HB 139
 - Sponsored by Rep. Anne Gonzales (R-Westerville)
- TeleHealth, HB 123
 - Championed by Reps. Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) & Anne Gonzales (R-Westerville)
- State Operating Budget, HB 59
 - Tax Reform
 - Education Funding Reform
 - Medicaid Expansion and Modernization
 - Hospital Payment Reform
 - Infant Mortality Program Funding



Lowest-Income Ohioans Face a Coverage Gap in 2014



SOURCE: Ohio Medicaid; Medicaid eligibility as of February 2013; Federal Health Insurance Exchange eligibility as of January 2014; 2012 poverty level is \$11,770 for an individual and \$23,540 for a family of 4; over age 65; coverage is through Medicaid, not the exchange.



Extend Medicaid Coverage: Give Ohio Taxpayers Relief in This Budget

GRF State Share Impact (in millions)	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014-15
Newly eligible enrollees state cost	--	--	--
Previously eligible enrollees state cost	(\$23)	(\$68)	(\$91)
Prison costs that shift to Medicaid	(\$9)	(\$18)	(\$27)
Eliminate hospital 5% rate add-on*	(\$31)	(\$65)	(\$96)
Reduce hospital capital payments*	(\$7)	(\$14)	(\$21)
Health plan administrative savings*	(\$25)	(\$27)	(\$52)
Sales and HIC tax revenue offsets	(\$18)	(\$97)	(\$117)
TOTAL STATE BENEFIT	\$114	\$290	\$404

* These cuts are made possible by increased enrollment through woodwork/expansion and represent GRF state share only (all funds include \$220 million in SFY 2014 and \$470 million in SFY 2015, or \$690 million over two years).



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GRF State Share Impact (in millions)	FY 2020
Newly eligible enrollees state cost	\$230
Previously eligible enrollees state cost	(\$84)
Prison costs that shift to Medicaid	(\$18)
Eliminate hospital 5% rate add-on	--
Reduce hospital capital payments	--
Health plan administrative savings	--
Sales and HIC tax revenue offsets	(\$165)
TOTAL STATE BENEFIT	\$37



Extend Medicaid Coverage:**Consequences of Not Extending Coverage**

Over the next two years, Ohio taxpayers would need to pay an additional \$404 million in state general revenue (\$690 million all funds) to:

- NOT extend coverage to 275,000 more low-income Ohioans
- NOT keep \$2.4 billion in Ohioans' federal tax dollars in Ohio (\$13 billion over seven years)
- NOT strengthen local mental health and addiction services
- NOT free up \$130 million in local funds to meet local needs
- NOT protect local hospitals from federal cuts

**State Budget Timeline**

- February 4th Governor Announces Budget
- February 12th HB 59 Introduced in House of Representatives
- Mid- April Anticipated House Floor Vote
- Late-March Anticipated Senate Vote
- June 30 SFY14-15 Budget Must be Finalized

**Advice for Advocates**

1. Keep it simple
Talk about the issue and its direct impact on your health care facility.
2. Know your audience
Thanks to the internet it is easier than ever to know your audience.

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3. Use anecdotes
Tell stories about real people in your area who have been or may be affected by legislative decisions.
4. Bring props
This could be a recent hospital financial statement or something representing a community benefit program.

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5. Stay on message
Use your limited time with legislators wisely to get your message across.
6. Speak from the heart
One of your best weapons is your passion as a health care provider.

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7. Make the ask
Make sure the lawmaker knows exactly what you are asking of them.
8. Follow up
Be sure to ask what has been done with your request for action.



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