

Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, March 2, 2023



OHIO

SCHOOL-BASED
HEALTH ALLIANCE

Healthy Kids Learn Better



Welcome!



Ohio School-Based Health Alliance

“Ohio Alliance”

Serves as the only statewide organization created to advance and support the sustainability and expansion of school-based health care

- Founded in 2002 as the Ohio School Based Health Care Association
- Relaunched statewide in 2021 as the **Ohio School-Based Health Alliance**
- State affiliate of the national School-Based Health Alliance



Ohio Alliance

Vision

Build a future in which **every student**, family, and community has the **equitable health services, supports and systems** they need to achieve **optimal health and education outcomes**

Mission

Improve access to **comprehensive, integrated health services through school-based health care** to **advance equity** and **improve health and education outcomes for students**, their families, and communities



Ohio Alliance Areas of Focus

- **Facilitate** regional and statewide school-based health care **learning networks and communities of practice**
- **Provide guidance, key resources and technical assistance** to start, support and sustain school-based health care partnerships
- **Develop a comprehensive assessment and inventory** of school-based health centers and other school-based health care partnerships
- **Educate and advocate** for a strengthened school-based health care infrastructure



Agenda

- **Welcome & Introductions**
- **2024-2025 State Budget and School-Based Health**
- **Medicaid in Schools Program**
- **Get Covered: Medicaid Unwinding**
- **Ohio Alliance Updates**



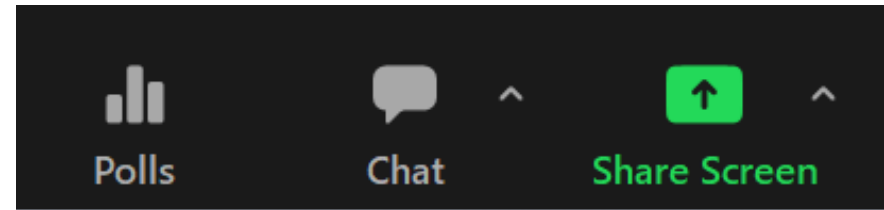
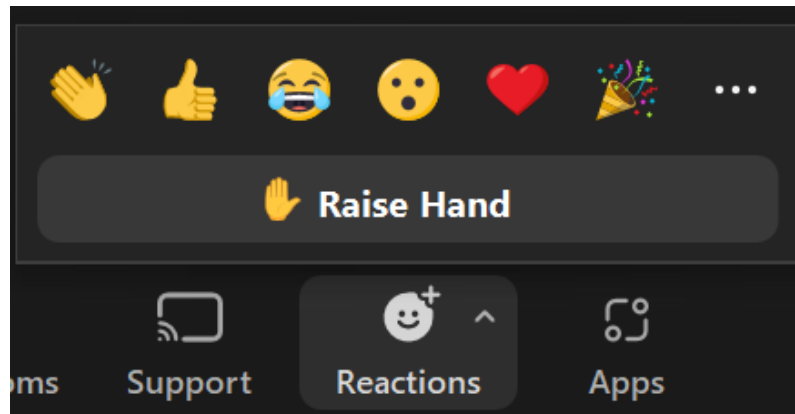
Objectives

As a result of participating in this meeting, attendees will:

- Be aware of school-based health issues in the 2024-2025 SFY Budget
- Understand Medicaid in Schools program and expansion
- Have information on Medicaid unwinding



Zoom participation



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2024-2025 Ohio State Budget and School-Based Health



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THE OHIO BUDGET & SBHC

OHIO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH ALLIANCE QUARTERLY MEETING

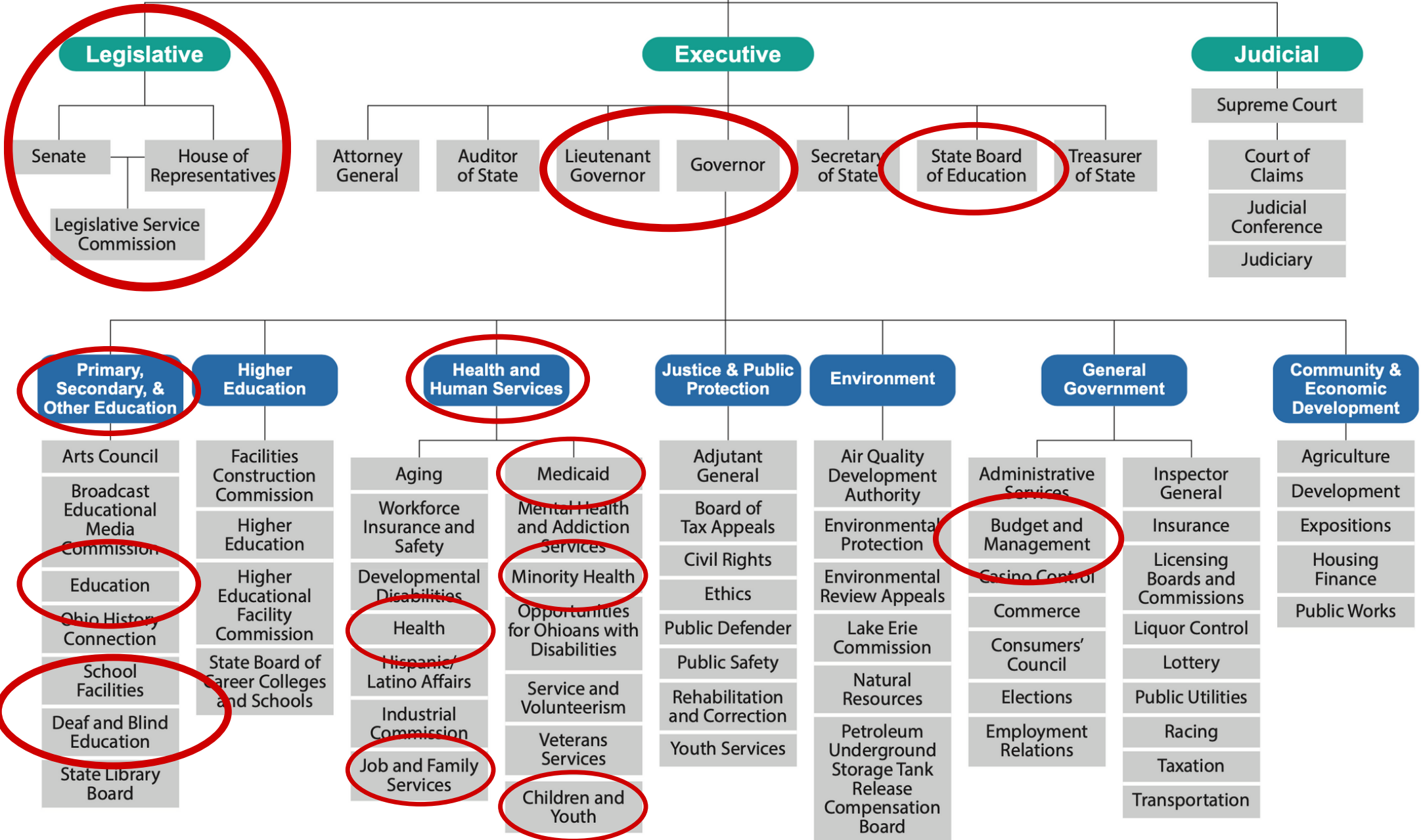
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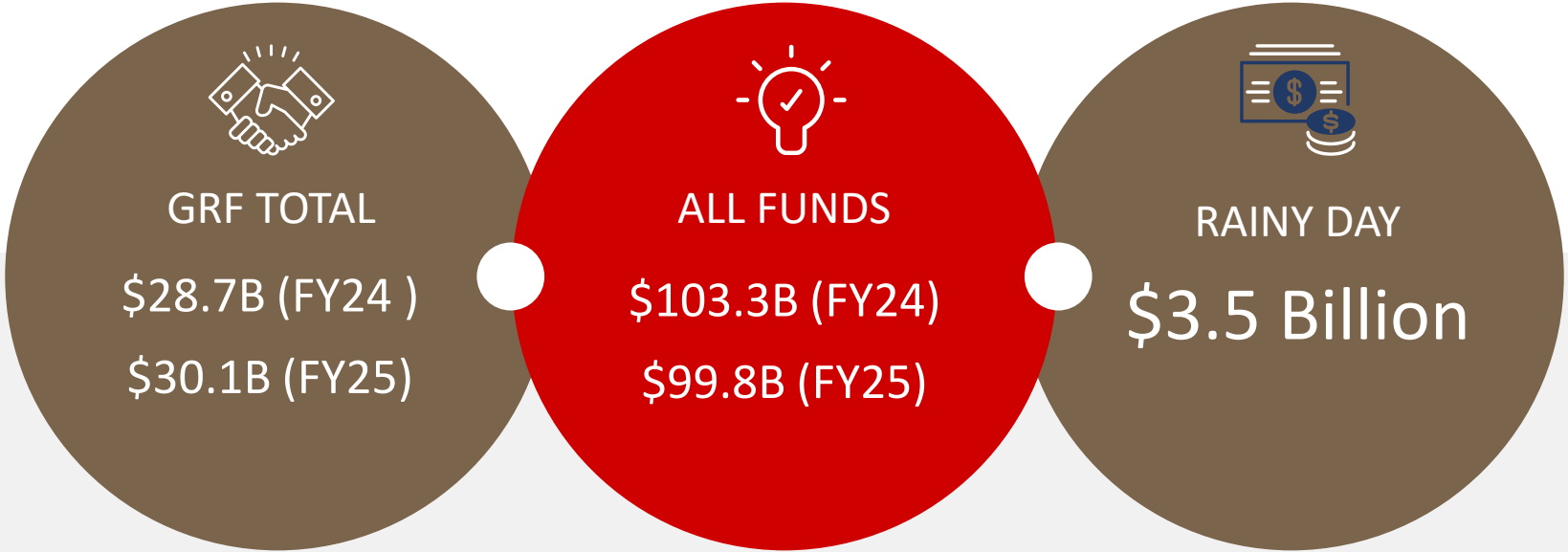
THE OHIO BUDGET PROCESS



The Citizens of Ohio



Operating Budget: Executive Proposal Ohio House Bill 33



"Very bold; Very Aggressive."

- Rep. Jay Edwards (R-Nelsonville); Chairman, House Finance Committee discussing Governor DeWine's Executive Budget Proposal

Tentative House Budget Schedule

HHS Finance Subcommittee

- March 14th — Children & Youth
- March 15th — Health
- March 21st-23rd — Public Testimony

Full House Finance

- April 5th — Tentative Amendment Deadline
- April 21st — Sub Bill
- April 25th — Omnibus Amendment
- End April — House Passage

EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL AT-A-GLANCE

NEW CABINET AGENCY

- Department of Children & Youth
- Combining work among six agencies & improving delivery of services for families and children.

INCREASED ACCESS TO EARLY LEARNING

- Additional \$46.1M per year for early childhood education (11,525 low-income children)

MINORITY HEALTH

- Identifying best practices for community-based providers; white paper development on eliminating health disparities and achieving health equity. Fund six local Offices of Minority Health to address disparities, monitor health status, community education and outreach.

EDUCATION & SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH

SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS

- Ohio Department of Education: \$7.5 million allocated to school-based health centers.
- “The Department of Education will support school-based health centers in partnership with the Ohio Department of Health.”

EXPANDED MEDICAID IN SCHOOLS ELIGIBILITY

- Expand the opportunity for Medicaid-eligible students without an IEP to receive services reimbursed by the Medicaid in Schools Program

EDUCATION & SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH

CONSIDERATIONS & STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

- Primary Agency Line Item Authority
- Maintaining Proposed Funding for SBHCs
- Determining Funding Utilization & Department Intentions
 - Existing SBHC M&O
 - Expanding New Sites
- Expanded Funding Mechanisms via State GRF and/or Federal Appropriations.

QUESTIONS



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Medicaid in Schools Program



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Medicaid in Schools Program
Ohio School Based Health Alliance Presentation
March 2, 2023

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ACS: Who We Are

Established in 2004

Woman and minority
owned and led

Award-winning national
firm headquartered in
Cleveland, OH with offices in
Columbus, OH, Washington, DC & Phoenix, AZ

Core clients are nonprofits, government and philanthropy



ACS: What We Do



ADVOCACY

- Government Relations
- State Lobbying
- Federal Lobbying
- Advocacy and Lobbying Training
- Situation Analysis
- Plan Development & Implementation

STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

- Long-term Advocacy Planning
- Long-term Communication
- Planning Organizational Strategy



COMMUNICATION

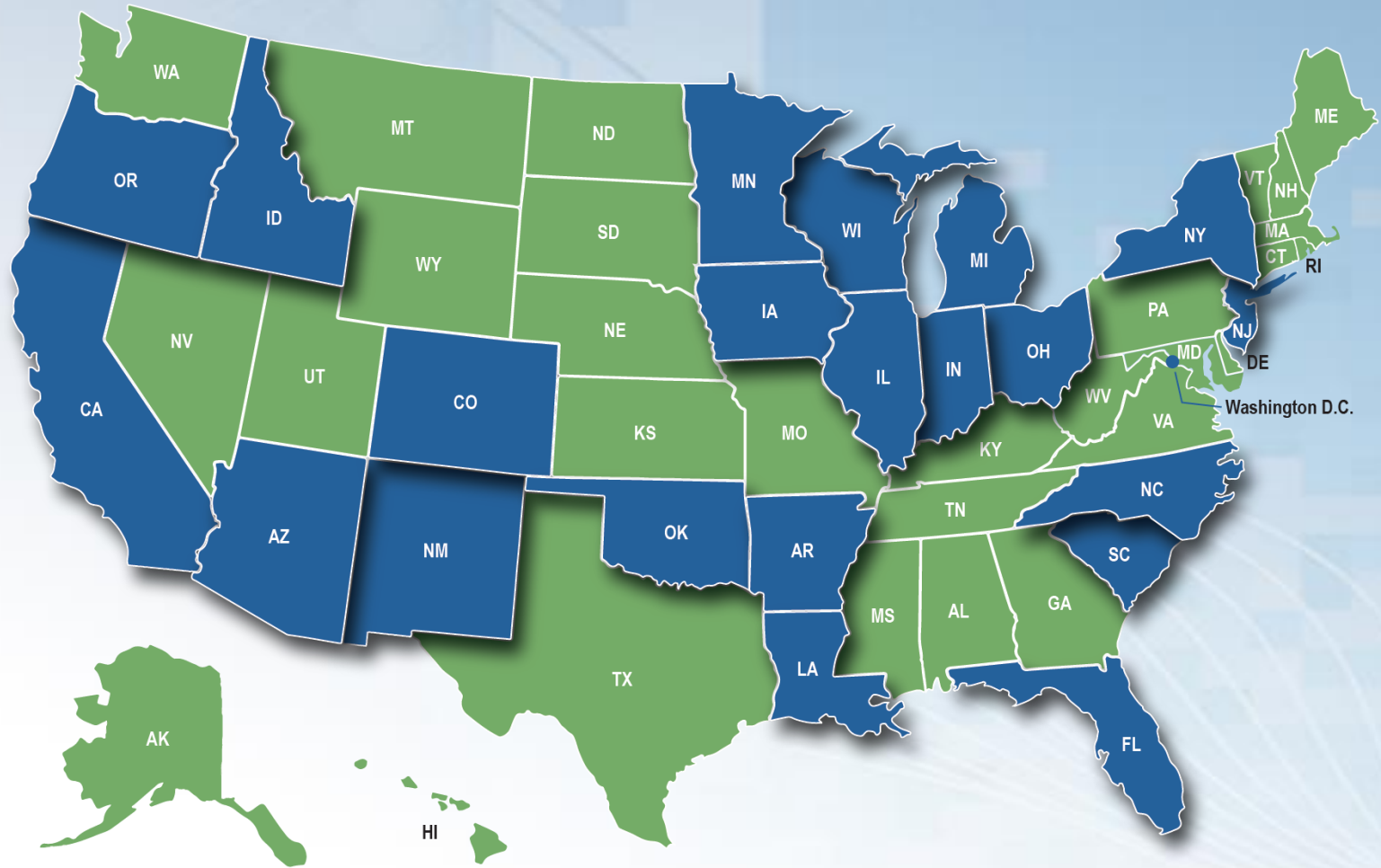
- Media Relations
- Strategic Communication
- Analysis & Planning
- Crisis Communication
- Message Development
- Communication Training

CAPACITY BUILDING

- Facilitation Training
- Spokesperson Training
- Organizational Development
- Advocacy and Lobbying Training
- Communication Training
- One-on-One Coaching
- Collective Impact
- Tools and Research



ACS Geographic Client Focus



Opportunity to Improve Kids Access to Needed Health Services

Kids need better access to medical and behavioral health services.

Ohio is ranked 31st in child well-being.

Children experiencing anxiety or depression jumped from 9.2% to 13.1% from 2016-2020.

The children's mental health crisis in Ohio is responsible for increased absenteeism and poor academic and health outcomes.

Ohio lacks a uniform system for adolescent behavioral health care.

Behavioral health reimbursement is low, particularly for Medicaid.

Improving children's access to services at schools should be a priority – and there are multiple pathways to improve access.

Expanding school-based health clinics

Expanding the Ohio Medicaid in Schools program to Medicaid-eligible kids without individualized education plans (IEPs)

- May provide partnership opportunities with School Based Health Clinics.



References:

Medicaid in Schools Program (MSP) is one health care access point

MSP allows Medicaid to reimburse public schools for providing medically necessary Medicaid eligible services to Medicaid insured kids with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

Services must be included on the IEP

Behavioral health services covered include psychology, counseling, and social work.

Physical health services covered include medical, nursing procedures, and treatments prescribed by physician or APRN, speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy

Licensure types eligible to provide services include but are not limited to: licensed registered nurses, licensed school psychologists, and licensed social workers.

Jointly administered by Ohio Department of Education (ODE) and Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM)

Public schools make a Certified Public Expenditures (CPE) which is then matched with federal Medicaid funding.

No general revenue is spent

Schools only benefit from the federal share



Expanding Medicaid in Schools

MSP is helpful, but is unnecessarily limited

Currently only serves Medicaid-eligible students with an IEP, despite many schools providing services to non-IEP students without reimbursement.

Federal government is actively asking states to waive the IEP-requirement

Since a reversal of federal policy in 2014, at least 17 states (including Michigan and Kentucky) have expanded services to all Medicaid-enrolled scholars.

Expansion requires no new state general revenue dollars.

- Schools certify spending and receive federal Medicaid reimbursement, enabling increased funding to schools without increases in the State Medicaid budget.

Expanding Medicaid in Schools program to non-IEP Medicaid-eligible students could also include reimbursement for:

Broader range of mental health and nursing services.

Additional provider types who deliver services



Benefits

Benefits for Children & Families

More families can access services for their children in schools

Benefits to Schools and School Districts

Many schools will be reimbursed for services they already provide

Enable schools to expand reimbursable services

Ensure mental & other health supports are connected to learning

Reduce absenteeism and classroom disruptions

Create a sustainable funding source – ensuring long term funding through Medicaid is critical to sustaining efforts to improve children’s mental health.

Potential Benefits for School Based Health Centers

Increased funding and infrastructure may open opportunities for schools to partner with school based health centers as a part of the expanded services.

Increase the ability of health care practitioners within schools to coordinate care and make necessary referrals to providers.

Keeps kids healthier so providers more likely to meet quality metrics without additional spending

- For example, providers participating in Comprehensive Primary Care Kids Program (CPC-Kids) more likely to do better if kids receiving services funded with outside dollars.



Next Steps in Ohio

Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) must seek waiver from federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).



Success stories from Michigan and Kentucky

Michigan & Kentucky both expanded services to all Medicaid-eligible kids in schools in 2019

In Michigan, 12% more students received direct services, and students receiving screenings or assessment almost quadrupled from 2020 to 2021.

Created programs to connect students to much needed behavioral health and nursing services.

Expansion included 10 new provider types, including licensed marriage and family therapists and nurse practitioners.

In Kentucky, schools are reporting positive results

Districts can now opt to offer any Medicaid service inside the school setting to students enrolled in Medicaid.

- Expanded services include immunizations, physical and behavioral health screenings and mental health counseling.



Questions?



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Get Covered Ohio: Medicaid Unwinding



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Get Covered Ohio

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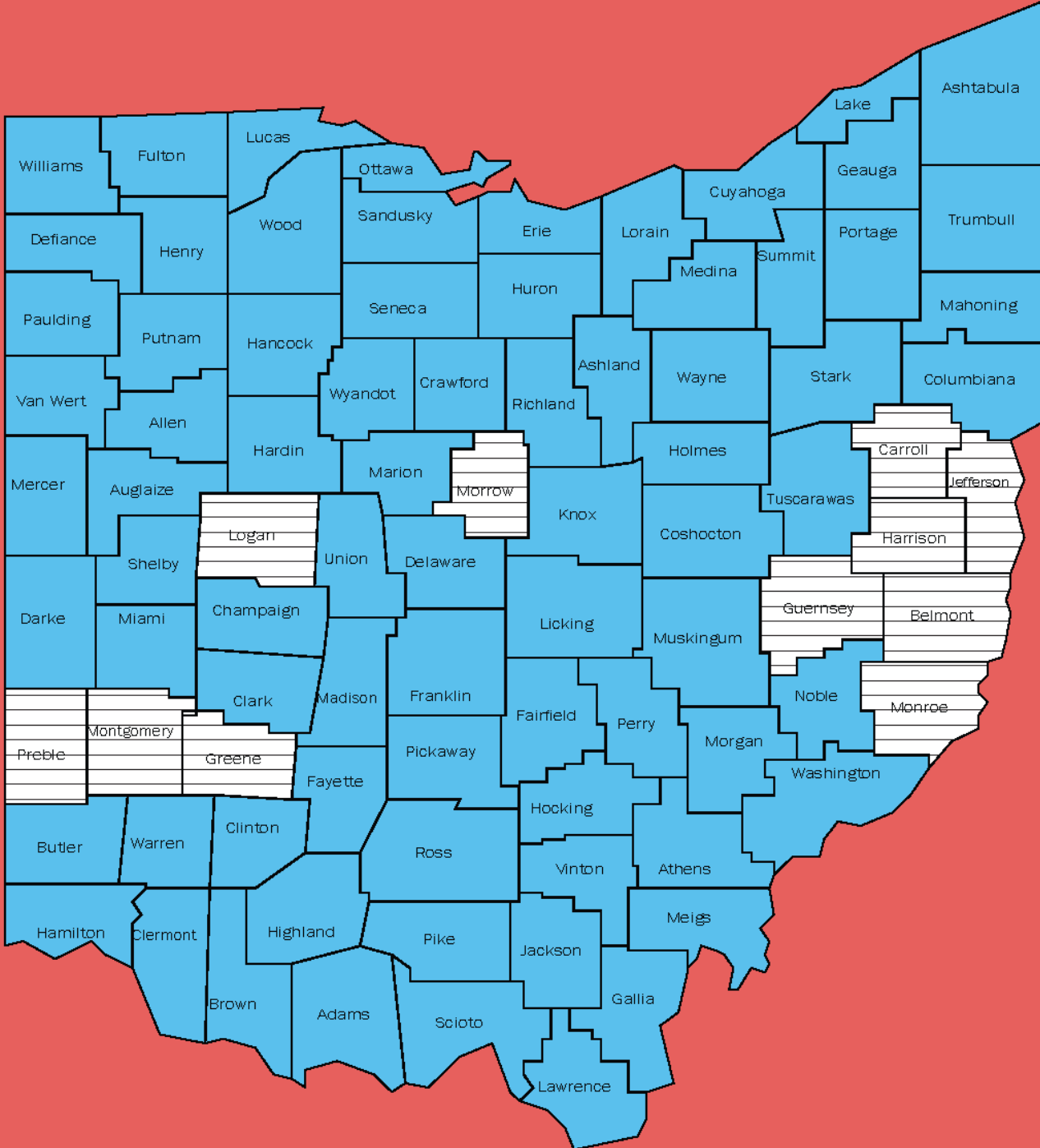
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About Get Covered Ohio

- Ohio Association of Foodbanks holds a Cooperative Agreement with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to provide Navigator services across Ohio
- Navigators are trained and licensed by CMS and Ohio Dept of Insurance to provide free, unbiased health insurance enrollment assistance

Services available in-person, at enrollment events, by phone, and online



Consortium partners:

- Mid-Ohio Food Collective
 - Community Action Committee of Pike County
 - Toledo/Lucas County CareNet
 - Charitable Healthcare Network
 - The Community Action Program Corporation of Washington Morgan Counties
 - Freestore Foodbank
 - MobileMed1, Inc., dba Medworks
 - Universal Health Care Action Network of Ohio
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Ohio All-Assister Alliance:

- Together, four assister organizations cover all 88 counties
 - Equitas Health
 - Ohio Association of Community Health Centers
 - Ohio Association of Foodbanks
 - Southeast Healthcare Inc.
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Navigator Services

- Outreach and Education events
 - Local events at churches, comm centers, etc
 - Get Covered Ohio Campaign
- Medicaid enrollment and technical assistance
 - Including assisting consumers with appeals
- Marketplace enrollment and technical assistance
- Connecting consumers to health care
- Relationship with Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP) for Medicare referrals

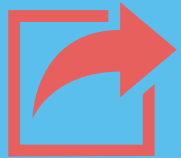
How to help connect Ohioans to care:



Make a referral to a Navigator



Distribute marketing materials



Share information on social media



Host a Navigator

Legend

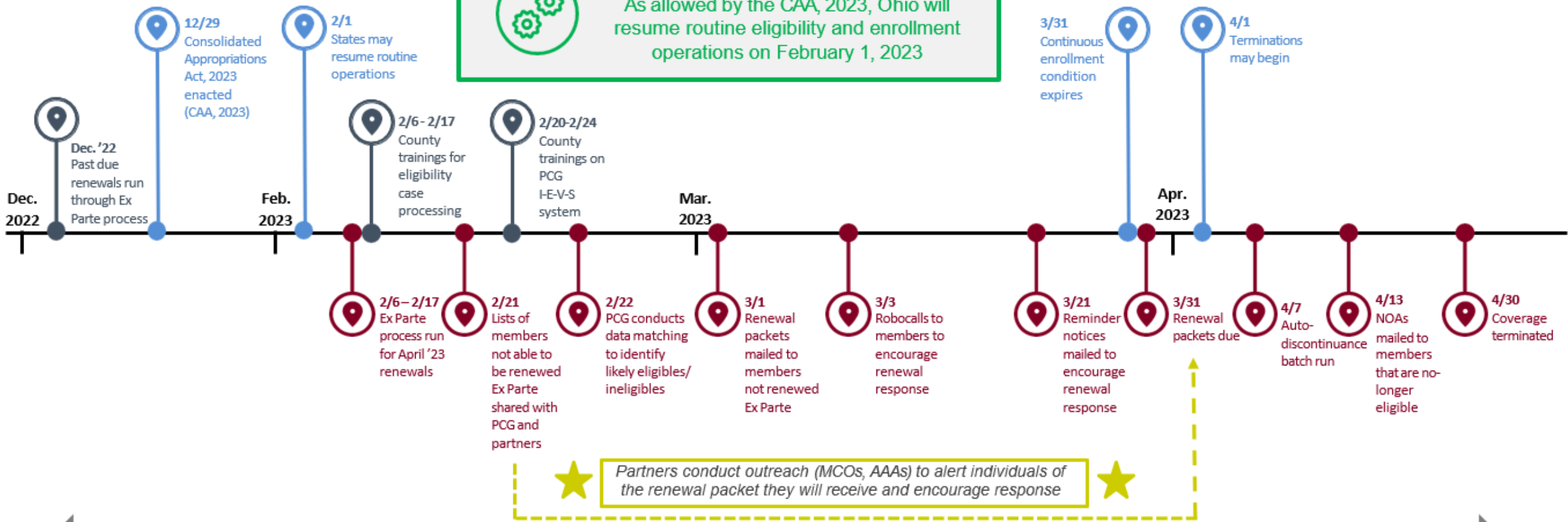
- Ohio Department of Medicaid activity
- Key Federal dates
- Monthly Medicaid renewal process*

**Note: illustrative example for renewals due in April 2023. This process will repeat monthly throughout the Unwinding period.*

Ohio's Return to Routine Renewal Operations

RETURN TO ROUTINE OPERATIONS

As allowed by the CAA, 2023, Ohio will resume routine eligibility and enrollment operations on February 1, 2023



★ *Partners conduct outreach (MCOs, AAAs) to alert individuals of the renewal packet they will receive and encourage response* ★

Efforts to ensure member contact information is up to date

ODM has received authority from CMS via a 1902(e)(14)(A) waiver to partner with MCOs to update beneficiary contact information and establish linkages with the United States Postal Service and National Change of Address database. In the coming months, robocalls will be deployed to confirm accuracy of member addresses before the renewal process begins.

Best Way to Refer



getcoveredohio.org



(833) 628-4467 or (833) NAV-4INS

Referrals are easy with the Get Covered Connector



1) Go to *getcoveredohio.org*

Referrals are easy with the Get Covered Connector



2) Enter zip code, click *Search for Help*

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3) *Call or click* to make an appointment!

Consumer Hotline

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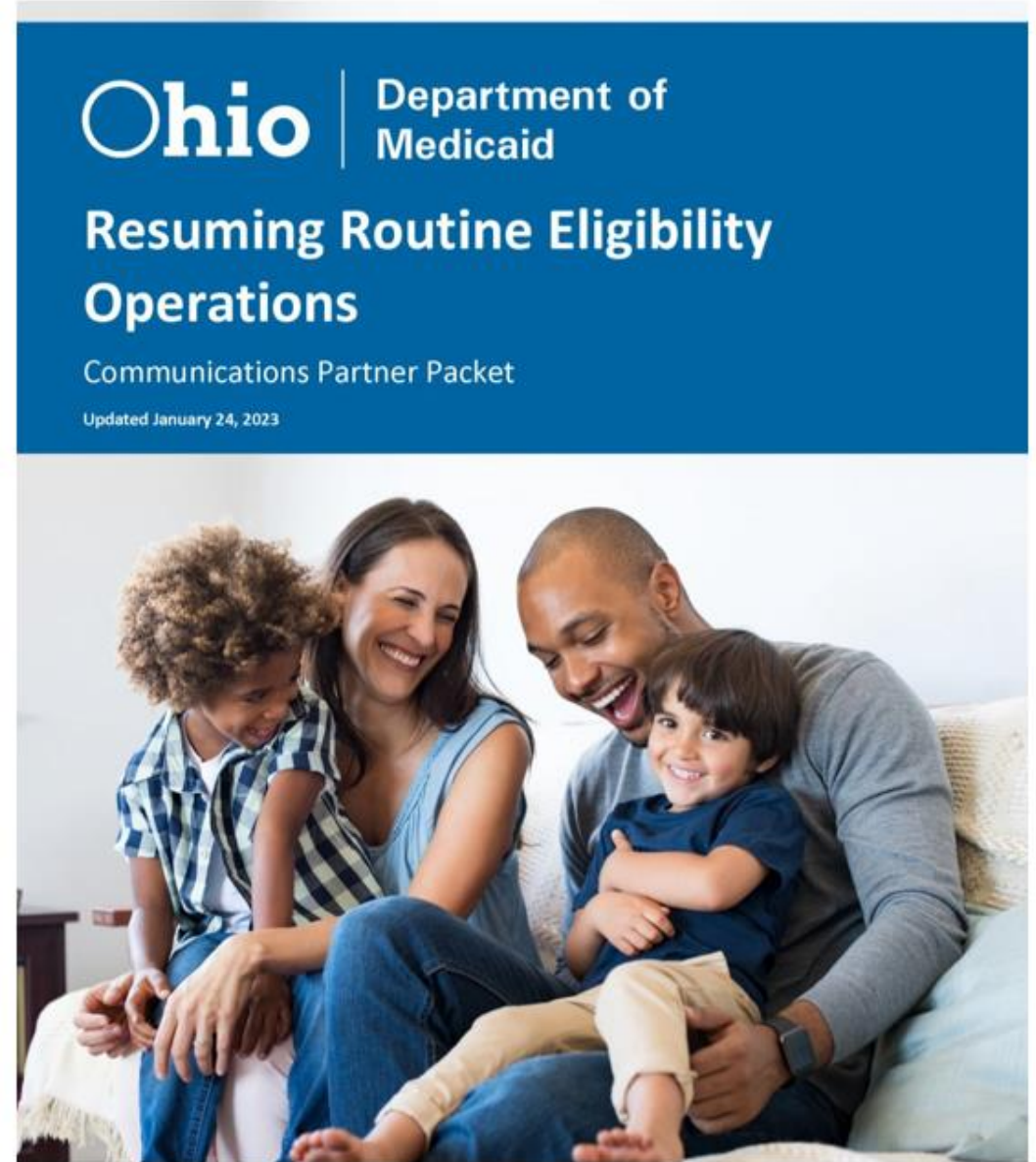
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business hours

Outreach Resources

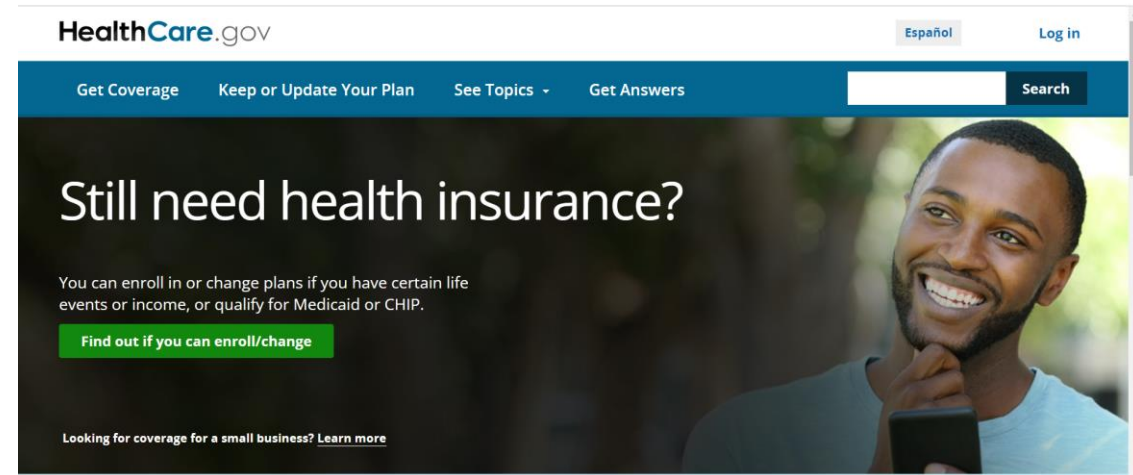
Partner Packet 2.0

- As the state gets ready for a return to routine eligibility operations, ODM has updated its [partner packet](#) to reflect recent federal actions as well as updates to its key messages for Medicaid members. Key messages in 2.0 include:
 - Update Your Contact Information
 - Watch Your Mail
 - Respond to Requests for Information
 - Complete and Mail Back Your Renewal Packet
 - Transition to Other Coverage
 - Children May Still be Eligible



Other Coverage Options When Individuals are No Longer Eligible

- If a Medicaid member has been notified they no longer qualify for Medicaid, they may be eligible for other coverage options either through their employer or on the federally facilitated marketplace (i.e. exchange).
 - OB makes automatic file transfers through the exchange for individuals found ineligible (does not apply to individuals disenrolled for procedural reasons)
- ODM partnered with the Ohio Association of Foodbanks to include information on every notice of disenrollment (otherwise known as a Notice of Action) for those individuals who need assistance with other coverage options. They can visit getcoveredohio.org or call 1-833-628-4467 for help in person, online or over the phone.



Advocates for Ohio's Future:

- One-stop shop for Medicaid beneficiaries, advocates and legislatures

www.advocatesforohio.org/medicaideligibility

Medicaid eligibility reviews, temporarily paused during the pandemic, will return to normal operations in February 2023

How you can prepare:

1

Update your contact information

2

Check your mail

3

Respond to notices quickly



AdvocatesForOhio.org

IMPORTANT ALERT for Ohio Medicaid Participants

(You might call it Buckeye,
CareSource, Molina, Paramount, or
UnitedHealthcare)



You must take action to avoid a gap in coverage.

Everyone who is covered by Medicaid MUST respond to a request for information from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. You will receive a renewal packet in the mail - **you must complete & return this packet to keep coverage.**

No longer eligible?

We provide free, unbiased help with enrolling in affordable health coverage through the federal Marketplace at HealthCare.Gov. Contact Get Covered Ohio Navigators at **833-628-4467** or by making an appointment at [getcoveredohio.org](https://www.getcoveredohio.org).

Lose coverage by mistake?

If you think you or someone in your household is still eligible to be covered by Medicaid, but you missed the deadline to submit your renewal packet, contact Get Covered Ohio at **833-628-4467** or by making an appointment at [getcoveredohio.org](https://www.getcoveredohio.org).



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word. Most materials
are available in
multiple languages.

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Ohio Alliance Updates



HRSA Health Center Funding


- Notice of funding opportunity released (<https://bphc.hrsa.gov/funding/funding-opportunities/school-based-service-expansion/fy-2023-sbse>)
- \$25 million available for 70 awardees nationally (FQHC only)



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Issue Brief

School-based health care in Ohio: A closer look at school-based health centers (SBHCs)

Across Ohio, school-based health centers (SBHCs) are being deployed as a leading, evidence-driven model for advancing school-based health care.


SBHCs are created through a partnership between a school/school district and a healthcare provider to increase access to, at minimum, primary healthcare services to students on a school campus. This collaborative health and education partnership is transformational in reducing disparities and improving health and education outcomes for students.



School-based health care is an umbrella term that refers to the provision of healthcare services in schools. SBHCs, school nurses, and school behavioral health providers are among the different school-based health care partnership models that can work together to strengthen and improve access to health services for students.

Why do Ohio's children need SBHCs?


The challenges facing Ohio's children over the past few years have only been exacerbated by the pandemic, resulting in a worsening of outcomes and widening of disparities. SBHCs play a critical role in improving children's access to healthcare services and closing gaps in health and education outcomes to ensure every child in our state can thrive.

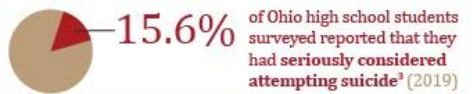



There were
41,786
asthma emergency
department visits and
hospitalizations
for children in Ohio
(2017-2018)

A rate of
80.3 per 100,000
residents¹

More than one in eight children (13.1%) reported being depressed or having anxiety² (2020)







Nearly one in three (30%) Ohio K-12 students were chronically absent⁴ (2021-2022 school year)

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Bimonthly Learning Community

- Foster collaboration, best practice dissemination, and shared learning among **school-based health center partners** (schools and healthcare providers)
- Virtually on the **fourth Thursday of every two months**
- Beginning March 23, from 7:00am to 8:30am



STATE SBHC BIMONTHLY
LEARNING COMMUNITY CALL



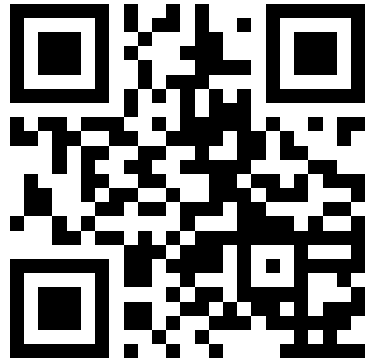
Coming up

- **Next quarterly meeting:** Thursday, June 1, 2023; Virtual from 11:30am to 1pm
- **2023 National School-Based Health Care Conference “*Celebrating and Growing the Workforce*”:** June 26-29, 2023, at American University Washington College of Law in Washington, D.C.

<https://www.sbh4all.org/2023-national-conference-registration/>



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