



# Quarterly meeting

## Federal and state level policy changes

Thursday, September 18, 2025

# Ohio School-Based Health Alliance “Ohio Alliance”

The Ohio Alliance is the only nonpartisan, statewide organization created to advance and support the sustainability and expansion of school-based health care.

**Our mission is to 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**



**Capacity building** through state and regional networks, learning communities, technical assistance, guidance, and resources



**Policy transformation** to support and accelerate opportunities that strengthen Ohio's school-based health care infrastructure



**Data tracking and evaluation** of school-based health care initiatives to inform policy and evaluate impact



# Ohio Alliance team



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Executive Director



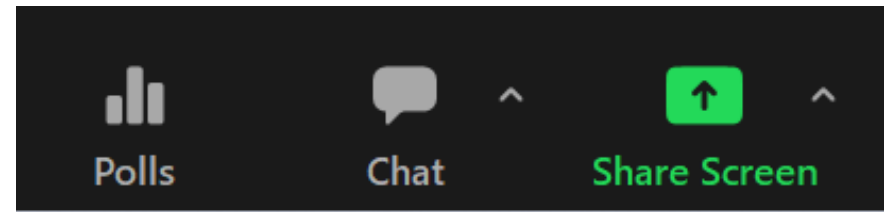
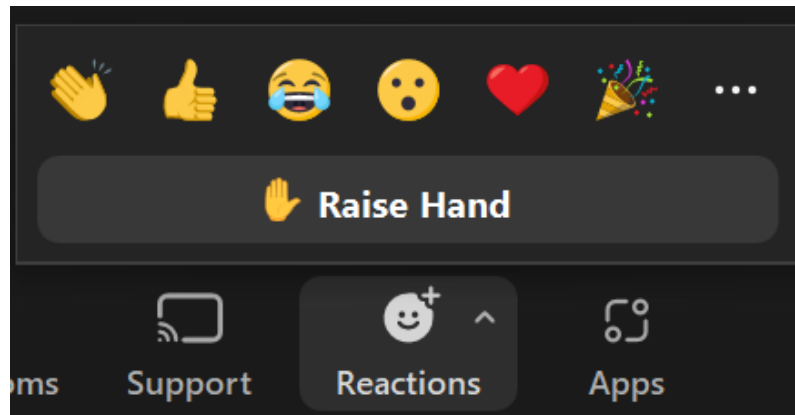
**Katherine Bissett, BSN, RN**  
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# Zoom participation



# Welcome



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# **Ohio Budget: What It Means for School-Based Health Care**

Ohio School-Based Health Alliance

September 18, 2025

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# Overview

- **Recap FY26–FY27 Ohio budget changes touching school health**
- **Translate impacts for districts and School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs)**
- **Flag near-term policy actions and timelines**
- **Offer practical next steps & resources**



# **Budget Basics & Timeline**

- **HB 96 signed June 30, 2025; operating appropriations effective immediately**
- **Most other provisions effective September 30, 2025**
- **Biennium covers July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2027 (FY26–FY27)**



# What Changes for Schools

- **Student Wellness & Success Funds (SWSF):  $\geq 50\%$  must support physical/mental health services**
- **OhioSEE: new K–3 vision program; comprehensive exams + glasses delivered at school**
- **Telehealth: Ohio Medicaid allows covered members to receive services wherever they are — schools can host visits**



# **School-Based Health Centers**

- **Funding targeted via ODH competitive grants in FY26–FY27**
- **Executive/House set \$10M/year; Senate proposed a \$7.5M/yr reduction**
- **Final sources indicate ~\$20M over the biennium; monitor ODH RFPs and timelines**



# Medicaid In Schools Today

- **Medicaid School Program (MSP): reimbursement primarily tied to IEP/IFSP services**
- **SWSF may be used to cover the state match for MSP claims**
- **OhioRISE coordinates behavioral health for complex youth; integrates with school services**
- **MRSS now expanding statewide—crisis teams can respond to schools within ~60 minutes via 988**



# Oversight & eligibility shifts

- **JMOC abolished; Medicaid oversight shifts to standing House/Senate committees**
- **MBIWD: premiums for >150% FPL eliminated**
  - **Aims to improve access for working people with disabilities**
- **Eligibility verification & program integrity**
  - **Enhanced checks and provisions aimed at fraud aversion**



# **Telehealth & Reimbursement Touchpoints**

- **Ohio Medicaid covers live-video telehealth wherever the covered individual is located**
- **Practical for schools: host visits (space/privacy), connect broadband, consent/parental involvement**
- **Coordinate with MCOs/OhioRISE for care coordination and documentation standards**



# **On the Horizon: CMS School Medicaid (by 7/1/2026)**

- **CMS expects states to align SBS claiming/admin guides by July 1, 2026**
- **Ohio could expand beyond IEP-only to cover medically necessary services for Medicaid-enrolled students**
- **Expect updates to SPA, time-study, and admin claiming plans; prep provider credentialing & documentation now**



# **Federal Impacts on Local Policy**

- **Medicaid work requirements (federal budget law): IFR by mid-2026; state implementation by 2027**
- **State-directed payments: new CMS safeguards for rating periods beginning on/after July 4, 2025**
- **Monitor interaction with coverage continuity for families of students and provider payment stability**



# **Vision Care Rollout: OhioSEE**

- **Mobile clinics/in-school exams and glasses for K–3 students who fail screenings**
- **Coordinate screening → consent → referral → on-site exam → dispensing → follow-up**
- **Engage nurses, SBHCs, and partners to minimize instructional time loss**



# **Action Steps for Districts & SBHCs (next 90 days)**

- **Align SWSF plans with  $\geq 50\%$  health-services rule; map to nursing, BH, and SBHC needs**
- **Stand up vision workflows (screening → exam → glasses) aligned with OhioSEE**
- **Audit telehealth readiness (private space, bandwidth, consent forms, EHR/doc standards)**



# **Action Steps for Districts & SBHCs (next 90 days)**

- **Sync with county ADAMHS & MRSS providers on school response protocols**
- **Prep for CMS SBS changes: roster providers**
- **Confirm licensure/credentialing, documentation templates**



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# Impacts of H.R. 1 and What's Next for Congress?

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Senior Policy Director

Date: September 18, 2025



# School-Based Health Alliance

## Transforming Health Care for Students

### Our **Focus**

The School-Based Health Alliance Works to Support & Grow SBHCs

#### Policy



Establishes and advocates for national policy priorities

#### Standards



Promotes high-quality clinical practices and standards, including for telehealth

#### Data



Supports data collection and reporting, evaluation, and research

#### Training



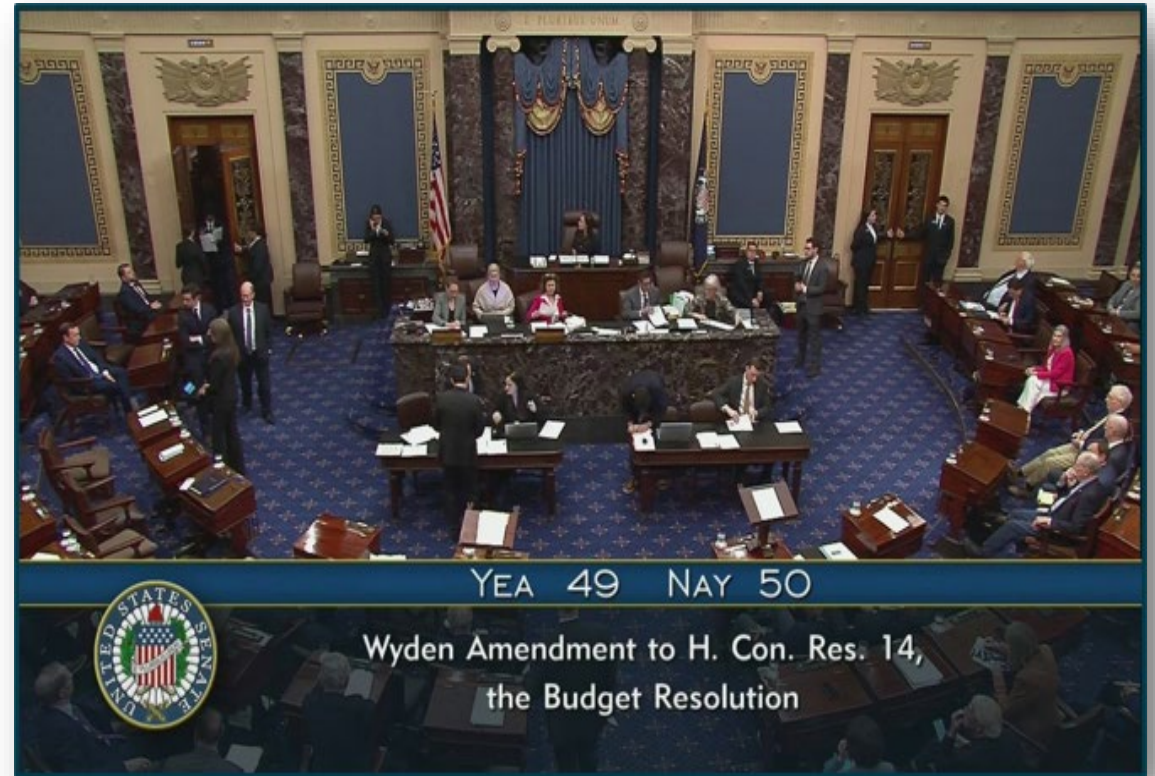
Provides training, technical assistance, and consultation

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# Reconciliation Bill's Impact on Medicaid

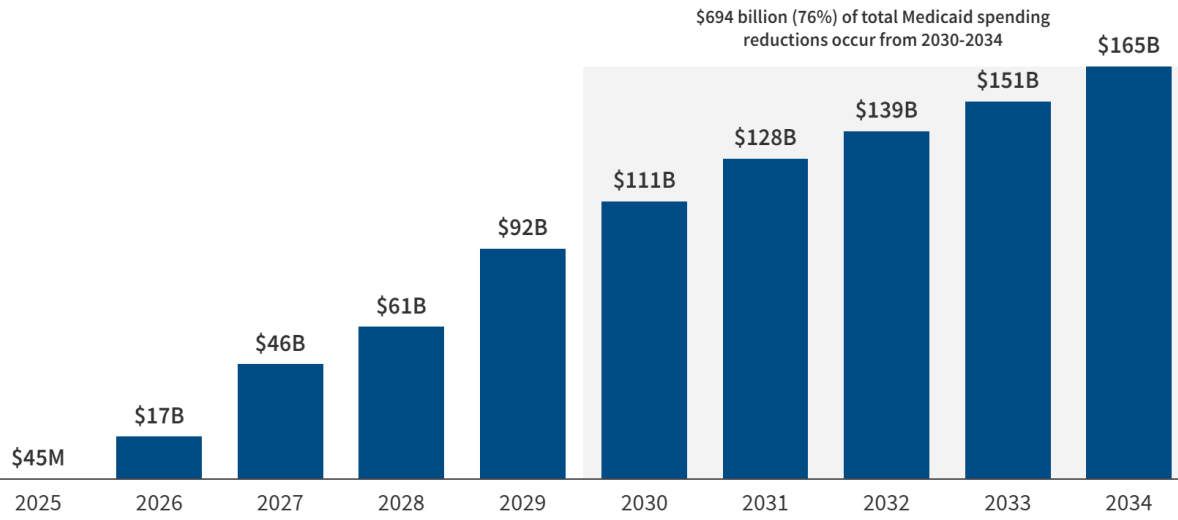
- Installs Medicaid work requirements for those between 19-64
- New state reporting requirements
- Delays rules that streamline enrollment in the program.



# Medicaid Cuts Timeline and its Impact on Ohio

Figure 2

## Federal Medicaid Cuts in the Enacted Reconciliation Package, By Year



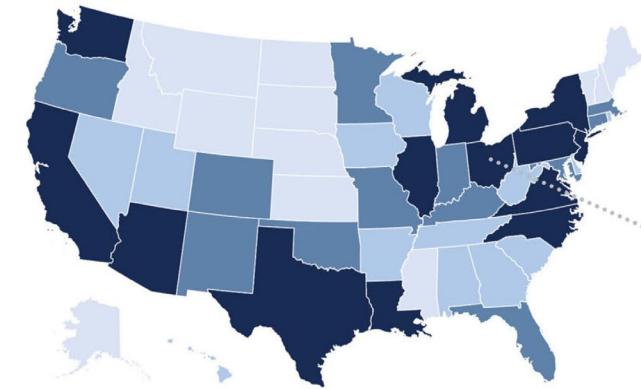
Note: Estimated interaction effects are included each year. Over the 10-year period, the Medicaid spending reductions total \$911B, including \$79B in estimated Medicaid spending interactions. Without accounting for interactions, the total is \$990B. See Methods in "Allocating CBO's Estimates of Federal Medicaid Spending Reductions Across the States: Enacted Reconciliation Package" for more details.

Source: [KFF analysis of CBO estimates of the enacted reconciliation package](#) • [Get the data](#) • [Download PNG](#)



## Federal spending bill estimated to cost Ohio \$37 billion in Medicaid funding over next decade

Projected federal Medicaid cuts in the federal spending bill (HR 1), by state, 2025-2034



KFF projects that Ohio could lose the seventh-most federal Medicaid funds over the next decade. Using CBO data, Ohio is estimated to lose about 14% of its federal Medicaid funding.



- \$26.5 billion to -\$164.3 billion
- \$11.3 billion to -\$25 billion
- \$4.2 billion to -\$11 billion
- \$270 million to -\$4.1 billion

Source: KFF analysis of CBO estimates of the Senate Reconciliation Bill



# Silver Lining

## FQHCs qualify for funds from the Rural Health Transformation Program

- SBHA and NACHC collaborated to get FQHCs included.
- States can secure up to \$10 billion annually from 2026 – 2030. Funds can be used for:
  - Promoting evidence-based, measurable interventions to improve prevention and chronic disease management
  - Providing payments to health care providers
  - Recruiting and retaining clinical workforce talent to rural areas, with commitments to serve rural communities for a minimum of five years

**NOFO for the program should be going out in mid-September with applications due by early November**

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1 “(iv) A Medicare-dependent, small  
2 rural hospital (as defined in section  
3 1886(d)(5)(G)(iv)).

4 “(v) A low-volume hospital (as defined  
5 in section 1886(d)(12)(C)).

6 “(vi) A rural emergency hospital (as  
7 defined in section 1861(kkk)(2)).

8 “(vii) A rural health clinic (as defined  
9 in section 1861(aa)(2)).

10 “(viii) A **Federally qualified** health  
11 center (as defined in section 1861(aa)(4)).

12 “(ix) A community mental health cen-  
13 ter (as defined in section 1861(ff)(3)(B)).

14 “(x) A health center that is receiving  
15 a grant under section 330 of the Public  
16 Health Service Act.

# Impacts on Public Education

- **SNAP cuts**
- **K-12 Tax Credits**
- **Concerns growing over school Medicaid**

# Appropriations

## FY26 looks like Arch Manning in Week 1 – A Mess

- Federal government's fiscal year ends on 9/30
- House and Senate Appropriations Committees have both passed their own Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies bills out of committee – neither has been taken up on their chamber's floor
- Be prepared for a stopgap (continuing resolution)
- Reauthorizations for FY26:
  - School-Based Health Center Program
  - 330 Program



### PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

Appropriations, 2025 .....	\$1,858,772,000
Committee recommendation .....	1,858,772,000

#### *Community Health Centers*

The Committee provides \$1,858,772,000 for the Bureau of Primary Health Care. Within the funds provided, the Committee includes funding for the following activities in the following amounts:

Budget activity	Committee recommendation
Addressing Intimate Partner Violence and Project Catalyst .....	\$2,000,000
Alcee L. Hastings Program for Advanced Cancer Screening .....	10,000,000
Early Childhood Development .....	30,000,000
Ending the HIV Epidemic .....	157,250,000
Native Hawaiian Health Care .....	27,000,000
<i>Papa Ola Lokahi</i> .....	10,000,000
<b>School Based Health Centers .....</b>	<b>55,000,000</b>
Technical Assistance .....	2,500,000

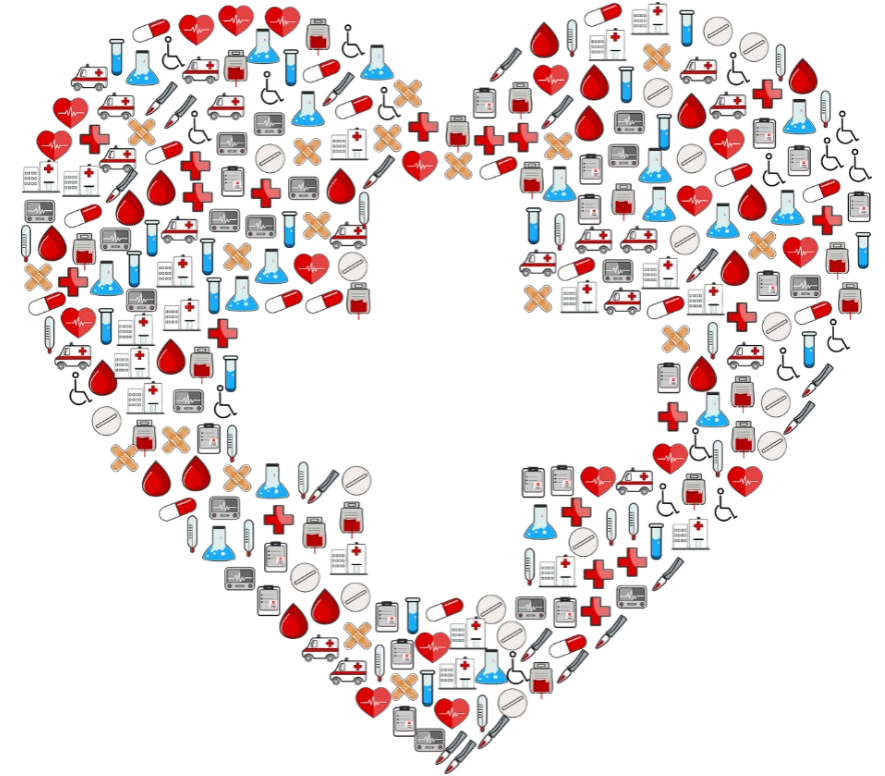
## SBHA's policy goals and priorities moving forward

- Engaging appropriators to secure the highest amount possible for SBHCs and the 330 Program
- Aiding state affiliates in their pursuit of rural health funds
- Collaboration with our federal partners to protect healthcare and education

# THANK YOU!

I'm always happy to share or chat more about policy. Never hesitate to contact me:

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# Questions?



# Ohio Alliance updates





## OhioSEE Funding Opportunity!

Qualified providers can now apply for funding.

Applications due on Oct. 3 by 3pm.



- Funding for mobile vision programs and roll-on/roll-off programs to provide school-based vision services
- Grant recipients should be equipped to:
  - Communicate with schools
  - Enter into an MOU
  - Provide comprehensive vision exams
  - Order and dispense glasses as needed within 45 days of the exam.



*Save the Date*

— Ohio School-Based Health Alliance —

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Annual School-Based  
Health Care Conference

Thursday, February 5, 2026  
Quest Conference Center | Columbus, OH





## HB182

Prohibit public water system from adding fluoride to its water

- Status: House Natural Resources Committee, sponsor testimony to date
- Sponsor: Rep. Levi Dean

## HB 272

Remove statewide fluoridation mandates; give authority to local jurisdictions

- Status: House General Government Committee, sponsor testimony to date
- Sponsors: Rep. Justin Pizzulli, Rep. Monica Robb Blasdel

## REQUEST

- Emphasize that oral health is essential to overall health when meeting with legislators
- Provide testimony in support of policies that strengthen oral health

**Next meeting:**  
**December 4, 2025**  
**12-1p**



# Poll question



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- Policy, advocacy, and funding
- Professional development and capacity building
- Priority communications and visibility

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membership visit

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or scan the QR code to the right



# Ohio Alliance meetings



**Register for the Ohio Alliance bimonthly learning community virtual meetings**

*Registration is limited to community school-based health care providers and education partners*



**Register for the Ohio Alliance Quarterly meetings**

*Open to all school-based health care partners*



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