



Top Ten Health Transformation Initiatives in the 2018-2019 Budget

(House Bill 49 effective July 1, 2017)

1. Maintains health care coverage for children and pregnant women up to 200 percent of poverty and everyone else up to 138 percent of poverty, including Ohioans with mental illness, drug addiction, and chronic illnesses.
2. Requires childless adults age 19-55 to meet a work requirement to be eligible for Medicaid, with exceptions related to seeking work and significant health needs.
3. Reduces the state share of Medicaid spending \$1.3 billion (20 percent) in 2018 and holds per member program growth below 2 percent over two years.
4. Delays behavioral health system coding changes for community providers until January 1, 2018, and moves behavioral health into managed care on that date.
5. Creates a process with legislative oversight to extend the benefits of better care coordination to Ohioans who need long-term services and supports.
6. Prioritizes home and community based services, including an additional \$65 million investment over two years for individuals with developmental disabilities.
7. Invests more than \$1 billion annually to strengthen Ohio's fight against drug abuse and overdose deaths.
8. Provides access to [comprehensive primary care](#) and prioritizes spending for maternal and infant health, mental health and addiction, and chronic disease.
9. Replaces expiring sales tax revenue with a [stable alternative](#), and holds the line against a [risky proposal](#) to increase the tax beyond levels allowed by federal law.
10. Partially closes the gap between Medicaid policies and appropriations enacted by the General Assembly, but [additional adjustments will be necessary](#).