

# Top Ten Health Transformation Initiatives in the Budget

## Modernize Medicaid

1. Fight Medicaid fraud and abuse with aggressive new programs enacted in the budget, saving Ohio taxpayers \$74 million (\$27 million state share) over two years.
2. Cap Medicaid managed care spending at 3 percent annual growth, saving \$646 million (\$239 million) over two years.
3. Reduce avoidable hospital readmissions by limiting Medicaid payments for readmissions that occur within 30 days, saving \$103 million (\$38 million state share) over two years.
4. Maintain current levels of Medicaid direct medical education spending (\$100 million annually) but target funds to prioritize health sector workforce priorities.

## Prioritize Home and Community Based Services

5. Assist 1,200 nursing facility residents under age 60 with mental illness who want to move back into the community, saving \$44 million (\$16 million state share) over two years.
6. Increase provider rates for home and community based long-term services and supports, including aide, nursing, adult day care, and assisted living services.
7. Join the federal Balancing Incentive Program, which commits Ohio to spend 50 percent of its Medicaid long-term care budget on home and community services by 2015 (vs. 43 percent today) and draws federal funds that free up \$140 million in state funds over two years.

## Streamline Health and Human Services

8. Implement a new integrated eligibility system for Medicaid and all other programs that require income verification as a condition of receiving services.
9. Create a cabinet-level Department of Medicaid to better manage significant Medicaid reforms already underway.
10. Consolidate mental health and addiction services in a single Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.