

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2013-0077

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Brady, Connally, Germana, Miller, Conwell, Jones, Simon and Rogers	A Resolution urging the Ohio General Assembly to approve the expansion of Medicaid in the State of Ohio, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
Co-sponsored by: Councilmember Gallagher	

WHEREAS, the proposed budget of the State of Ohio included the expansion of Medicaid to extend coverage to those persons aged 19-64 living within 138% of poverty; and

WHEREAS, according to the independent Health Policy Institute of Ohio (HPIO), Cuyahoga County could see an additional 72,000 county residents enrolled in Medicaid and provided basic health care by 2015 and up to 89,000 Cuyahoga County residents enrolled by 2022; and

WHEREAS, some 4300 new jobs are projected to be created in Cuyahoga County by 2015 as a result of the proposed extension of basic health care to these currently not enrolled in Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, sales tax revenues in Cuyahoga County are projected to add an additional \$9M annually to the county's general fund by 2015; and

WHEREAS, to promote the health and wellness of Ohio's citizens, and because of the increased economic activity resulting from Medicaid expansion in the form of new jobs and additional sales tax revenues, the State of Ohio should extend Medicaid coverage to those living within 138% of poverty.

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order to timely express Council's concerns to the Ohio General Assembly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council urges the Ohio General Assembly to authorize the expansion of Medicaid **coverage or insurance premium assistance from Medicaid funding, as presented in "the Ohio Plan"**, to those Ohioans living within 138% of the poverty level.

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