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Proposed American Health Care Act Costs Ohio \$19-26 Billion

New Federal Medicaid Proposal Puts Ohioans' Health at Risk

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[Cleveland, OH] On March 6, the House introduced the American Health Care Act, legislation seeking to replace the Affordable Care Act. Part of this proposal includes significant changes to how Medicaid is financed.

Among the key findings:

- The all funds reduction as the result of a Medicaid per capita cap in Ohio is between \$19 and \$25.6 billion between Fiscal Years 2019 and 2025
- Even if Medicaid expansion is maintained with an 80 percent federal matching rate, Ohio would need to contribute or cut \$6.4 - \$8.5 billion in state funding through 2025 to maintain projected funding levels for the entire program, with specific population funding changes as follows:
 - Children: Shortfall of \$2 - 2.3 billion
 - Adults: Shortfall of \$3 - 4.3 billion
 - Disabled: Shortfall of \$2.2 - 2.7 billion
 - Aged: Surplus of \$1.9 billion
 - Group VIII: Shortfall of \$900 million - 1.1 billion
- It is unclear if a per capita model would conflict with standards of actuarial soundness, potentially compromising the ability for Ohio to have a privatized delivery system through managed care

Upon release, author **Loren Anthes**, Public Policy Fellow in the Center for Medicaid Policy said, "Under Governor Kasich's leadership, Ohio's privatized Medicaid program has been fiscally efficient while covering more lives. The legislation as written, however, creates significant structural issues for Medicaid funding, ultimately shifting costs and risk to states."

In regards to the impact on the 1 in 4 Ohioans covered by Medicaid, he continued by stating "Lower costs is a necessity of good policy in Medicaid, but the per capita proposal is about lower reimbursement, not lower costs, and will most likely lead to significant gaps in care for Ohio's children, the disabled, pregnant women, victims of human trafficking, and those struggling with opiate addiction."

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