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Medicaid Work Requirement Could Mean Thousands Lose Coverage

CLEVELAND, OH – Under work requirements proposed Friday by the state, nearly 20 thousand people could lose Medicaid coverage.

The Ohio Department of Medicaid announced details of the proposal Friday afternoon, which would require Medicaid recipients to work or to participate in a community engagement activity for a minimum of 20 hours per week.

“While the Kasich administration constructed a waiver to meet the demands of the State House, today’s proposal leaves a lot of questions regarding cost, coverage and its impact on Ohioans’ health,” said Loren Anthes, a Public Policy Fellow with the Medicaid Policy Center at the Center for Community Solutions.

“As a former Ohio Medicaid director I believe the expansion of Medicaid was a historic achievement for Ohio and the health of its citizens; I’ll evaluate this waiver using three prongs, whether people lose coverage, how much it will cost taxpayers to implement, and its impact on people’s health,” said John Corlett, the President of the Center for Community Solutions.

Anthes is available to answer questions about the waiver and its likely impact. You can also read his paper on the impact of potential Medicaid waivers in Ohio here:

<https://www.communitysolutions.com/research/medicaid-experiments-overview-potential-waivers-ohio/>

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