Medicaid pays for health care services for about three million Ohioans with low incomes, including more than 1.2 million children. Medicaid spending accounts for more than one-half of Ohio's budget and almost 17% of health expenditures nationally.

The publication provides an overview of Ohio's Medicaid program, including eligibility, covered services, delivery systems, financing and spending.

Who is eligible for Medicaid coverage?
Ohio Medicaid pays for health care services for children, color adults, pregnant women, parents, children, adults, and individuals with disabilities, all with incomes below a specific amount. See Figure 1 and 2.9% is important to note that eligibility varies by state.

For most children, the income eligibility limit is set as a percentage of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), and eligibility criteria are set by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) for families, based on the family's income, the number of family members, and whether the family member is a student. For adults, eligibility is determined based on income and resources, including employment, assets, and other income requirements.

To be eligible for Medicaid in Ohio, a person must meet specific requirements in addition to income limits. At a minimum, a person must be of age, be a resident of the state, and meet certain financial requirements.

Figure 1. Federal poverty levels (FPL), by household size, 2019

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<th>Household Size</th>
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3 key findings for policymakers

- Ohio Medicaid provides access to healthcare services for about three million low-income Ohioans, including many who cannot access or afford private or employer-sponsored health insurance.

- Medicaid represents a significant portion of government spending in Ohio. Federal reimbursements accounted for approximately 68% of total spending by Ohio Medicaid in state fiscal year 2018.

- To improve health value in Ohio, state policymakers need to balance Medicaid's critical role in providing access to health care with budgetary and administrative challenges.
**Federal poverty level (FPL), by household size, 2019**

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**Note:** Refers to federal poverty levels for the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia (D.C.)

**Source:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation. Additional analysis by the Health Policy Institute of Ohio.
Ohio Medicaid income eligibility thresholds for MAGI-categories, by FPL4, 2019

- 205% pregnant women
- 138% adults
- 211% children

Source: Ohio Department of Medicaid.
Ohio Medicaid Covered Families and Children enrollment for adults and children, SFY 2018

71% Children (1,188,446)
29% adults (492,933)

Source: Ohio Department of Medicaid. Additional analysis by HPIO.
# Differences between Medicaid and Medicare

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Group VIII enrollment by month, July 2016-January 2019

Note: Enrollment numbers between March 2018 and February 2019 are preliminary and subject to change.
Estimated percent of Ohioans enrolled in Medicaid, SFY 2018

Total Ohio population: 11.66 million

26% of Ohioans (3.01 million) enrolled in Medicaid

Sources: Ohio Department of Medicaid and U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey
Ohio Medicaid enrollment trend, SFY 2005-2018

Sources: SFY 2005-2011 Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Public Assistance Monthly Statistics reports; SFY 2012-2018 Ohio Department of Medicaid
Percent of non-elderly population enrolled in ESI by FPL, by year, 1999, 2004, 2009, 2013 and 2017

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation analysis of the National Health Interview Survey. 1999-2017
# Ohio Medicaid Covered Services

## Federally mandated services
- Inpatient hospital
- Outpatient hospital
- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Services (EPSDT)
- Nursing facility care
- Home health
- Physician services
- Lab and x-ray
- Family planning
- Nurse midwife
- Freestanding birth center services
- Tobacco cessation counseling for pregnant women
- Rural health clinic services
- Federally qualified health center services
- Transportation to medical care
- Certified pediatric and family nurse practitioners

## Ohio's optional services
- Ambulance
- Chiropractic services
- Alcohol and drug screening analysis
- Intensive outpatient (to treat addiction)
- Methadone administration
- Medical and surgical dental care
- Durable medical equipment and supplies
- Medical and surgical vision care
- Individual or group counseling
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Podiatry
- Prescription drugs
- Private duty nursing
- Speech therapy
- Ambulatory surgical centers

*Note:* For more information and a complete list of Ohio covered services, visit medicaid.ohio.gov

*Source:* Adapted from Ohio Department of Medicaid
Ohio Medicaid spending, by source, SFY 2018

- 19% GRF state
- 12.7% non-GRF
- 68.3% federal

Source: Ohio Legislative Service Commission
Ohio Medicaid spending, in billions, SFY 2008 – SFY 2018

**Source:** Ohio Department of Medicaid (via Ohio Legislative Service Commission)
Enrollment and expenditures by Medicaid eligibility category, SFY 2016

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