

State Coverage Initiative/State Quality Initiative Implementation
FY 10-11 Executive Budget

Key Impacts

- Over 110,000 more Ohioans will get health coverage
- Open enrollment rates for people with health conditions will decrease by 50 to 70%
- \$26 million is set aside in FY 10-11 for implementing coverage and quality programs
- State funds are available to draw down federal stimulus package money. For some health quality programs, 10 federal dollars are available for every \$1 in state investment.

Key Reforms

- Reform Ohio's individual open enrollment programs
 - 52,000 more Ohioans will get health coverage
 - Reduce rates to 1½ times the base rate for all open enrollment coverage
 - Open enrollment rates will decrease 50 to 70%; individual market rates will increase 5.5%
- In group policies, expand dependent child coverage up to age 29 and extend the state tax deduction for employer sponsored coverage to all family and dependent coverage
 - Over 21,000 more Ohioans will get health coverage
- Require employers to offer to uninsured employees the opportunity to purchase coverage with pre-tax dollars through Section 125 cafeteria plans, saving up to 40% off the cost of coverage.
 - Over 37,000 more Ohioans will get health coverage
- Create the Ohio Health Care Coverage and Quality Council and assist in funding implementation of the Ohio Health Quality Improvement Plan
- Conduct a study of how health coverage programs can and should be financed going forward
- Fund health information technology to provide broad use of electronic medical records and develop an electronic medical home. These investments will be enhanced with federal stimulus funds.
- Require insurers to file all individual and small group health insurance rates and loss ratio data with the Department of Insurance
- Extend state continuation coverage to 12 months and apply to any job loss
- Consolidate within the Department of Insurance all network adequacy review and regulation
- Allow the Department of Insurance to order independent reviews of health claim denials