

# Update on Ohio Medicaid Expansions

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# Medicaid Eligibility Expansions

- Pregnant women btwn 150-200% FPL (est 3000 enrolled)
- Youth ages 18-21 formerly in Foster Care (est 800-1200 enrolled)
- Children in families btwn 200-300% FPL (est 20,000 enrolled)
- Buy-In for uninsured children in families >300% FPL (est 3000 enrolled)
- Medicaid buy-in for workers with disabilities
- Elimination of the 24-month clock for low income adults



# Updated Timeline

## Effective 1/1/2008

- Pregnant Women
- Youth formerly in foster care
- Removal of 24 month clock

## Est for 4/1 2008

- Medicaid Buy-In for workers with disabilities\*
- Buy-In for children not Medicaid eligible

## Undetermined:

Children 201-300% FPL\*

\* Dependent on CMS approval



# Status of Expansions

- OAC Rules have been approved via JCARR process \*
  - State Plan Amendments submitted for remaining expansions; awaiting CMS approval.
- \* Seeking amendments if needed to accommodate CMS feedback on State Plan Amendments



# Medicaid Expansion for Pregnant Women

- Started 1/1/08
- Increases income limit for pregnant woman to qualify from 150% to 200% of FPL
- Women remain eligible for services through 60 day postpartum period
- Same eligibility and application requirements as Healthy Start
- No premium
- No requirement to be uninsured



# Medicaid for Youth 18-21 Formerly in IV-E or Foster Care

Started 1/1/08

Eligible youth are:

- In foster care under responsibility of the state on 18<sup>th</sup> birthday or
- Received foster care maintenance payments or indep. living services funded Title IV-E before 18<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Medicaid eligibility – no income or resource test



# Medicaid Expansion for Children 201-300% FPL

- Children (under 19)
- Est 20,000 will enroll
- Must be uninsured – i.e. without creditable insurance
- Will require monthly premium payments based on income



# Update: Children's Expansion 201-300%

- ODJFS authorized to expand under Medicaid or SCHIP
- Congress extended – did not reauthorize - SCHIP; no expanded funding except for shortfall states
- Ohio continues coverage with a combination of SCHIP and Medicaid funds (OH's SCHIP is a Medicaid expansion)
- Ohio's proposed expansion under Medicaid (vs. SCHIP) denied by CMS; being appealed
- SPA resubmitted as SCHIP 201-250% - awaiting CMS response



# Children's Buy-In (CBI) Program

- Targeted for children in families with income exceeding Medicaid/SCHIP
- Child must have been without creditable insurance for at least 6 months before enrolling
- Other eligibility criterion to be determined\*
- A state-only program - Not Medicaid. (Although have applied to CMS for consideration as Medicaid)

\* Pending outcome of CMS negotiations



# Additional Eligibility Requirements for CBI

Must meet at least one of the following:

- Unable to obtain creditable coverage due to a pre-existing condition
- Lost commercial health insurance coverage by exhausting a lifetime benefit
- Premium for creditable insurance coverage > 200% of the state premium for this program
- Participates in the program for medically handicapped children (ODH's Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps).



# Medicaid Buy-In for Workers with Disabilities (MBIWD)

- Enables workers with disabilities to earn income and have certain resources without the risk of losing Medicaid health care coverage.
- Ages 16-64; Must be working
- Disabled as defined by Social Security/Medicaid
- May be enrolled in a Medicaid waiver
- Meet financial eligibility criteria
- Pay premiums if income is above 150% FPL



# MBIWD: Financial Eligibility

- Countable income must be at or below 250% FPL
  - provides for a \$20,000 earned income disregard
- Only the *individual's* income is considered
- Resource limit is \$10,000 and is adjusted annually by the consumer price index for urban areas beginning in 2009
- Only the *individual's* resources are considered



# Other Expansion Initiatives: Elimination of 24-month clock

- Eliminates breaks in eligibility for families who earn more than the OWF payment standard but less than 90% of FPL



# Community Provider Rate Increases & Adult Dental

On 1/31/08, Gov Strickland authorized ODJFS to move forward with:

- 3% rate increases to community providers and
- Restoration of full adult dental coverage
- Both to be effective July 1, 2008



# Managed Care Status Report 1

- Expansion is Complete (except Northeast Central region which is now in progress)
- Current Managed Care Enrollment (as of Feb, 2008)
  - 1.1 Million CFC consumers
  - 105,000 ABD consumers



# Managed Care Status Report 2

OHP provider assistance for  
Managed Care Issues:

- Submit Complaints Online at:  
<http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/bmhc/pro-man-care.stm>
- E-mail: [bmhc@odjfs.state.oh.us](mailto:bmhc@odjfs.state.oh.us)
- Call 614-466-4693



# Money Follows The Person / “Home Choice” Project

- MFP is a five-year Medicaid demonstration project to:
  - Transition approximately 2200 Ohioans in long-term care facilities to home settings & to balance
  - Balance Ohio’s publicly long term care spending between institutional and home based settings, services and supports





## Helping Ohioans Move, Expanding Choice

Means:

- An open door
- Movement toward that door
- More freedom
- More *choice*.



# How was HOME Choice developed?

- **Planning and Advisory Committee**
  - (Consumers/families, advocates, providers, local entities, state policymakers)
- **Interagency Steering Committee**
  - (JFS, MRDD, MH, ADAS, ODA, ODOD, ODH, OHFA, RSC)
- **Topic-specific Workgroups:**
  - Operational Processes
  - Housing
  - Workforce Development
  - Consumer Outreach and Identification
  - Services and Self Direction
  - Balancing (connected to Unified LTC budget discussions)
  - Quality Assurance



# Status Toward Goal 1: Moving 2200 people

- 12/31/07 - Ohio submitted Operational Protocol to CMS
- 2/7/08 - CMS responded ; Project Director Selected
- Currently- Ohio and CMS are currently working out details of project.
- 4/1/2008 – Tentative Project implementation date. Beginning to collect names of individuals interested in participating.



# Status Toward Goal 2: Balancing Ohio's long-term care system

- HOME Choice Balancing Workgroup is working with Unified Long-Term Care Budget Workgroups
- The balancing workgroup is focusing on recommendations to address three core areas:
  1. Redesigning the "front door"
  2. Addressing Ohio's access and capacity
  3. Developing purchasing strategies
- Intake and care coordination including:
  - Hiring grant funded staff & using the Atlantes care mgmt system



# HOME Choice Contact Information

ODJFS Office of Ohio Health Plans  
614-466-4443

Or Web Link:

<http://jfs.ohio.gov/OHP/infodata/MFPGrant/info.stm>



# Questions?

