



## TurnAround Ohio Talking Points

April 2008

- Gov. Strickland proposed several initiatives to provide more affordable access to health coverage for Ohio's uninsured.
- Many of the proposals included expansions to Ohio's Medicaid program including the creation of two new programs
- Certain federal requirements have made expansions to Medicaid difficult to implement (See [State Medicaid letter](#)); Gov. Strickland has advocated on behalf of Ohio residents for the federal government to remove these restrictions.

### Children's Buy-In (CBI) Program (April 1, 2008)

Allows certain uninsured children (younger than age 19) who live in household with income above 300% FPL to receive health coverage. Not Medicaid, must apply online.

- Child must be uninsured for at least 6 months before enrolling
- Must meet at least one of the following additional requirements:
  - Unable to obtain creditable coverage due to a pre-existing condition
  - Lost only available creditable coverage due to exhausting a lifetime benefit
  - Premium for the only available insurance is twice the premium for this program
  - Participates in the program for medically handicapped children (ODH/BCMH).
  - Pay monthly premium ranging from \$252 - \$505 per child; as well as co-pays, deductibles, co-insurance.
- Expected enrollment: 5,000 children

### Medicaid for Former IV-E Foster Care Youth (January 2008)

Youths aging out of the foster care system are able to maintain/obtain medical coverage until their 21st birthday. This group will not have to show proof of their income or resources to qualify.

Must meet the following criteria:

- Younger than age 21
- In foster care under the responsibility of the State on 18th birthday
- Received Foster Care Maintenance payments or Independent Living Services funded under Title IV-E before attaining 18th birthday
- Expected enrollment: 900 youth

### Medicaid Expansion for Pregnant Women (January 2008)

- Increased income limit for pregnant woman to qualify from 150% to 200% of FPL
- No premium, insurance status does not affect eligibility
- Expected enrollment is 1,700.





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### Medicaid Buy-In for Workers with Disabilities (MBIWD) (April 1, 2008)

Program that allows people with disabilities to work, still maintain some of their resources (e.g., cash from savings, stocks, bonds, etc.) and keep their Medicaid health benefits. To qualify, individuals must be:

- Ages 16-64
- Disabled as defined by Social Security or Ohio Medicaid
- Meet financial eligibility criteria (Income must be no more than 250% FPL after disregards applied)
- Resource limit of \$10,000
- Pay premiums if income is above 150% FPL
- Must be working (Exception for individuals who lose their job)
- Expected enrollment is 5,800 by end of SFY 2009.

### Medicaid Expansion for Children (to be determined)

- Children (younger than age 19)
- Increases income limit (figure to be determined)
- Must be without creditable insurance; cannot voluntarily disenroll to qualify
- Requires monthly premiums for eligible children:
  - \$40 for 1 eligible child;
  - \$80 for 2 eligible children
  - \$120 for 3 or more eligible children
  - (Eligibility is subject to termination if premium remains unpaid for 60 days)

