**OPENING MEDICAID IS GOOD FOR OHIO**

By opening the Medicaid door to more Ohioans, our state has a historic opportunity to improve health and safety, provide a major boost to our economy and continue important reforms already underway. By choosing to expand Medicaid, lawmakers will:

* BOOST OHIO’S HEALTH CARE ECONOMY: More than $23.8 billion in additional federal funds will flow into Ohio’s economy through 2019. These dollars will support Ohio’s vital health care economy including hospitals and health systems, and the hundreds of thousands of people they employ. Our economy also benefits from a healthier workforce and job applicants.
* IMPROVE HEALTH AND SAFETY: Ohio currently has 1.5 million people with no way to pay for health care and no reliable access to medical treatments. Expanding Medicaid coverage will help meet the mental and physical health challenges for a great majority of this population.
* KEEP OHIO TAX DOLLARS HERE: If Ohio fails to expand Medicaid, the federal government will send Ohio tax dollars to other states. Choosing not to expand does not prevent a single dollar from being spent.
* REDUCE THE COST OF UNCOMPENSATED CARE: All Ohioans pay a price for uncompensated care. Higher charges to patients with private health insurance offset the uncompensated care. Tax dollars go to local and state funds to cover public health programs. Opening Medicaid enrollment will reduce uncompensated care in Ohio by as much as $2.3 billion through 2019.
* CONTINUE COMPREHENSIVE REFORMS TO OHIO MEDICAID: Two years ago, state government began transforming Medicaid in Ohio. Through integration and efficiency upgrades, services are improving and taxpayers are seeing value. Increasing federal funds will advance the sweeping changes underway to improve payment systems, reimbursement rates and access.

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