

PUBLIC POLICY BRIEFS

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Ohio House Bill 110

Issue Overview

The Ohio state budget has been proposed in the Senate and the House and is now in conference committee. While we thank the state legislature for advancing a budget that expands certain services, the proposed budget also greatly reduces funding in key areas. We are concerned with these reductions and harmful provisions as it creates policies that will keep people in poverty rather than lifting individuals and families out of poverty.

For example, the proposed budget now requires a change in reporting for the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP). This decision would disadvantage Ohioans who have paychecks that fluctuate. This decision would also be very costly to the County Departments of Job and Family Services. The state budget also would reinstitute an asset test, which would result in individuals who have assets over \$2,250 from being ineligible for SNAP and would make child support cooperation mandatory. Lastly, the Department of Medicaid would have to conduct an eligibility redetermination of all recipients of Medicaid in Ohio.

The proposed changes to the budget are disadvantageous to underserved Ohioans. Further, this bill would put systems in place that harm citizens and make affordable care less accessible.

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child support payments greatly help to reduce childhood poverty by reducing dependency• Waste, fraud, and abuse within the SNAP system cost taxpayers billions of dollars a year, and this bill would amend requirements in defense against this loss	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This bill would likely waste government resources• Ohio would be one of ten states that has this low of a threshold for an asset test (\$2,250)• This bill could take food away from families or children who don't want to risk their safety, due to domestic violence concerns, to pursue a formal child support arrangement• Change reporting would likely increase the state's payment error rate which would increase our federal penalties

Current Status

This bill was passed in the Ohio Senate on June 9, 2021. While it failed in the Ohio House, June 15, 2021 it was allocated to a committee of conference.

What does this mean for us at The Sisters of Charity Health System?

We care for the most vulnerable in our society. We have a responsibility to lift up those who will be affected by this bill in order to protect the underserved. We need to prioritize the needs of those who are poor and vulnerable, and the rejection of these provisions would protect that population.

What does this mean for you, your family, or your community?

Our government has limited resources and this bill would likely waste those resources, which would have a negative impact on both communities and individuals. This bill will be harmful to people who have experienced food insecurity and need this service. Beyond that, individuals will be directly affected if these provisions increase Ohio's payment error rate because we will have greater federal penalties as a result.



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