
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- Repeals state laws that established duties for the Office of Health Transformation.
- Repeals state law regarding the exchange of protected health information between certain state agencies.

Elimination of Office of Health Transformation

(R.C. 191.01, 191.02, 191.04, 191.06, 191.08, 191.09, 191.10, 3798.14, 3798.15, and 3798.16, all repealed; R.C. 103.41, 3701.36, 3701.68, 3798.01, 3798.10, 5101.061, 5162.12, and 5164.01)

The act eliminates all of the statutory duties of the Office of Health Transformation and all other references to the Office in the Revised Code. Governor Kasich created the Office in 2011 pursuant to an executive order.⁵⁶

Specifically, the act repeals state laws that required the Executive Director of the Office to:

- Identify each government program providing public benefits for the purpose of state law that permits state agencies to exchange protected health information with other state agencies for certain purposes;
- Adopt strategies that prioritize employment as a goal for individuals participating in government programs providing public benefits;
- Establish goals for continuous quality improvement pertaining to episode-based payments for prenatal care;
- Identify best practices pertaining to family planning options, strategies for reducing poor pregnancy outcomes, and health professional instruction on cultural competency.

Eliminating all other references to the Office from the Revised Code has the following effects:

- Eliminates the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee's authority to investigate the Office;
- Removes the Office's Executive Director from the officials who are to receive a copy of the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council's annual report regarding recommendations for improving palliative care;
- Removes the Executive Director from the Commission on Infant Mortality;
- Eliminates a requirement that the Medicaid Director consult with the Executive Director when adopting rules regarding the exchange of protected health information;

⁵⁶ Executive Order No. 2011-02K.

- Eliminates a requirement that the Executive Director assist the Director of Job and Family Services with leadership and organizational support for the Office of Human Services Innovation.

Exchange of protected health information

(R.C. 191.01, 191.02, and 191.04, all repealed)

The act repeals state laws that permitted certain state agencies to exchange protected health information relating to eligibility for or enrollment in a health plan or participation in a government program providing public benefits, if the exchange was necessary for (1) operation of a health plan or (2) coordination, or improvement of the administration or management, of the health care-related functions of at least one government program providing public benefits. An exchange of protected health information had to be done in accordance with federal law governing the confidentiality of individually identifiable health information.