

Redbook
LBO Analysis of Executive Budget Proposal
Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee

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Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee

Quick look...

- The Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee (JMOC) is a legislative committee that provides oversight of all facets of Ohio’s Medicaid Program, including compliance with legislative intent and the impact of legislation on Medicaid.
- JMOC’s governing authority consists of five members of the House of Representatives and five members of the Senate.
- JMOC currently employs two full-time permanent staff to assist in carrying out the work of the Committee.
- JMOC receives 100% of its funding from the GRF.
- Total budget proposal: \$407,933 in FY 2024 and \$591,501 in FY 2025.
 - The difference is due to the need to employ an actuary in FY 2025 to review Medicaid costs.
 - Uses of the budget are 56.2% for personal services, 2.8% for supplies and maintenance, and 41.0% for purchased personal services.

FY 2020 Actual*	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
GRF ALI 048321, Operating Expenses					
\$4,774	\$341,790	\$252,519	\$575,000	\$407,933	\$591,501
% change	7,059.4%	-26.1%	127.7%	-29.1%	45.0%

*During FY 2020, the Committee was not staffed.

Agency overview

The Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee (JMOC) is responsible for providing ongoing legislative oversight of the state’s Medicaid Program. JMOC is a ten-member legislative committee that was established in March 2014. It is responsible for:

- Contracting with an actuary before the beginning of each fiscal biennium to determine the projected medical inflation rate for the upcoming biennium;
- Reviewing how the Medicaid Program relates to the public and private provision of health care coverage in Ohio and the United States;
- Reviewing and evaluating Medicaid reforms under R.C. 5162.70, which requires the Medicaid Director to reduce the per-recipient, per-month costs by, among other things, improving the physical and mental health of recipients and providing services in a cost-effective manner;
- Recommending policies and strategies to encourage Medicaid recipients to join and stay in the workforce and to encourage less use of the Medicaid Program;

- Recommending improvements in statutes and rules concerning Medicaid; and
- Developing a plan of action for the future of the Medicaid Program.

In addition to these required duties, JMOC may organize and conduct forums and public hearings to increase knowledge of the Medicaid Program and to develop improvements in the program itself. JMOC also is permitted to investigate state and local government Medicaid agencies with the approval of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Analysis of FY 2024-FY 2025 budget proposal

Overview

R.C. 107.03(D) states that “no alterations shall be made in the [budget] requests for the legislative and judicial branches of the state filed with the director of budget and management” Therefore, the Governor has made no alterations to the budget request submitted by the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee (JMOC).

Estimated expenditures for JMOC total \$575,000 in FY 2023. The proposed budget is \$407,933 in FY 2024 and \$591,501 in FY 2025. In odd-numbered fiscal years, JMOC contracts with an actuary to determine the medical inflation rate for the upcoming biennium. Therefore, expenditures are higher in odd-numbered fiscal years than in even-numbered fiscal years.

The proposed budget authorizes JMOC to certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of line item 048321 at the end of FY 2023 and FY 2024 to be reappropriated to FY 2024 and FY 2025, respectively.

Executive recommendations by expense category

The chart shows JMOC’s budget by expense category. JMOC’s largest expense category is personal services, which represents 56.2% of the budget. The second largest category is purchased personal services, which represents 41.0% of the budget and includes JMOC’s actuarial expenses. The supplies and maintenance category represents the remaining 2.8% of the budget.

