

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's long-term impact.
- JMOC's governing authority consists of five members of the House of Representatives and five members of the Senate.
- JMOC typically employs two full-time permanent staff.
- JMOC receives 100% of its funding from the GRF.
- Total budget proposal: \$361,365 in FY 2020 and \$528,681 in FY 2021.
 - The difference is due to the need to employ an actuarial firm in FY 2021 to review Medicaid costs.
 - Uses of the budget are 60.4% for personal services, 2.5% for supplies and maintenance, and 37.1% for purchased personal services.

FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Estimate	FY 2020 Introduced	FY 2021 Introduced
GRF ALI 048321, Operating Expenses					
\$309,906	\$475,848	\$305,195	\$588,597	\$361,365	\$528,681
% change	53.5%	-35.9%	92.9%	-38.6%	46.3%

Agency overview

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 of 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 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 2020-FY 2021 budget proposal

Overview

R.C. 107.03(B) 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 JMOC.

Estimated expenditures for JMOC total \$588,597 in FY 2019, and requested appropriations total \$361,365 in FY 2020 and \$528,681 in FY 2021. 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 2019 and FY 2020 to be reappropriated to FY 2020 and FY 2021, 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 60.4% of the budget. The second largest category is purchased personal services, which represents 37.1% of the budget and includes JMOC’s actuarial expenses. The supplies and maintenance category represents the remaining 2.5% of the budget.

