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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.
  - The difference is due to the need to employ an actuary in FY 2023 to review Medicaid costs.
  - Uses of the budget are 62.5% for personal services, 2.6% for supplies and maintenance, and 34.8% for purchased personal services.

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*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 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 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 2022-FY 2023 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 JMOC.

Estimated expenditures for JMOC total $550,000 in FY 2021. The proposed budget is $371,848 in FY 2022 and $575,083 in FY 2023. 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 2021 and FY 2022 to be reappropriated to FY 2022 and FY 2023, 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 62.5% of the budget. The second largest category is purchased personal services, which represents 34.8% of the budget and includes JMOC’s actuarial expenses. The supplies and maintenance category represents the remaining 2.6% of the budget.