



Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage Legislative Agenda

Ohioans are getting squeezed by skyrocketing health care costs, lack of access to the right health care, and unfair insurance rules. Ohioans cannot wait any longer for relief from our broken health care system. Ohio Consumer for Health Coverage calls on our state's leaders to fix our health care system now by:

Fixing Unfair Insurance Rules

- ▶ Modify the open enrollment process by capping premiums. *Language included in introduced version of HB 1*
- ▶ Eliminate exclusion riders that bar coverage for a specified pre-existing medical condition that would normally be covered.
- ▶ Require businesses to create pre-tax flexible health spending accounts. *Language included in introduced version of HB 1*
- ▶ Increase the age of dependency to 29 for purpose of covering a young adult on a family's group insurance policy. *Language included in introduced version of HB 1*

Developing a Fair Financing Mechanism for Health Care

- ▶ Fund an economic analysis that will lead Ohio to develop a fair health care funding system. *Language included in introduced version of HB 1*

Increasing Transparency, Quality, and Cost Effectiveness

- ▶ Require insurers to report the percentage of premium dollars spent on health care so policymakers and consumers can understand how premium dollars are spent. *Language included in introduced version of HB 1*
- ▶ Support the Creation of the Health Care Coverage and Quality Council. *Language included in introduced version of HB 1*
- ▶ Increase patient safety by regulating charges for "never events," events or procedures that should never happen in a hospital (ie wrong surgical procedure).
- ▶ Fund health information technology for transition to portable electronic medical records. *Language included in introduced version of HB 1*
- ▶ Establish a state level entity for coordinating the creation of patient-centered medical homes.

Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage is a nonpartisan coalition uniting the consumer voice with the goal of achieving *affordable, high quality care for all*. OCHC represents hundreds of thousands of consumers and our membership includes AARP, AFSCME Council 8 AFL-CIO, American Cancer Society, Cerebral Palsy Association of Ohio, Faith Community Alliance of Greater Cincinnati, Legal Aid Society of Southwest Ohio, National Alliance for Mental Illness (Ohio), National Multiple Sclerosis Society Ohio Chapters, Ohio ACORN, Ohio Council of Churches, Service Employees International Union, Toledo Area Jobs with Justice, UHCAN Ohio, We Are The Uninsured, and We Believe Ohio.