

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 employees to assist in carrying out the work of the Committee.
- JMOC receives 100% of its funding from the GRF.
- Total budget proposal: \$530,532 in FY 2026 and \$654,606 in FY 2027.
 - The difference is due to the need for increased actuarial services in FY 2027 to review Medicaid costs and prepare for the state’s FY 2028-FY 2029 biennium.
 - Uses of the budget are 51.8% for personal services, 3.0% for supplies and maintenance, and 45.1% for purchased personal services.

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual*	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 048321, Operating Expenses					
\$252,519	\$525,390	\$308,648	\$591,000	\$530,532	\$654,606
% change	108.1%	-41.3%	91.5%	-10.2%	23.4%

*During FY 2024, the Committee was not fully staffed for part of the year.

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 2014.¹ It is responsible for:

- Contracting with an actuary 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;

¹ JMOC’s powers are enumerated in section 103.412 of the Revised Code.

- 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;
- Developing a plan of action for the future of the Medicaid Program; and
- Receive and consider reports submitted by local Healthier Buckeye Councils.

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.

Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 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 \$591,000 in FY 2025. The proposed budget is \$530,532 in FY 2026 and \$654,606 in FY 2027. In odd-numbered fiscal years, JMOC requires increased actuarial services 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 2025 and FY 2026 to be reappropriated to FY 2026 and FY 2027, 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 51.8% of the budget. The second largest category is purchased personal services, which represents 45.1% of the budget and includes JMOC’s actuarial expenses. The supplies and maintenance category represents the remaining 3.0% of the budget.

