
JOINT MEDICAID OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Data sharing agreement with JMOC

- Requires the Department of Medicaid (ODM) to enter into a data sharing agreement between the Executive Director of the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee (JMOC), JMOC's contracted actuary, and ODM to assist with determining the projected medical inflation rate for a fiscal biennium.
- Requires the ODM Director to provide any information requested by JMOC, the Executive Director, or the actuary in a timely manner.
- Prohibits the ODM Director, an ODM employee, and any entity under contract with ODM from hindering, obstructing, or interfering with the determination of the projected medical inflation rate.

JMOC access to eligibility information and systems

- Not later than October 1, 2025, requires ODM, the Department of Job and Family Services (JFS), and county departments of job and family services to provide the JMOC Executive Director and staff of JMOC with access to view information and systems used for determining eligibility for public assistance benefits.
- Requires the Executive Director and staff to adhere to the same confidentiality standards that apply to staff when accessing information and data described above.

ODM file sharing with JMOC actuary

- Beginning October 1, 2025, and every six months thereafter, requires ODM to share specified information files with the JMOC contracted actuary.

Administrative reporting to JMOC

- Requires ODM to submit a report to JMOC and the JMOC Executive Director on September 1 of each year that provides specified details about state agencies' budgeted, actual, and forecasted number of full-time equivalent employees and related expenditures.

Interaction with JMOC

The Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee (JMOC) is a legislative committee consisting of five members of the House and five members of the Senate. The committee is responsible for providing legislative oversight of Ohio's Medicaid program. The bill establishes several new requirements that the Department of Medicaid (ODM), and in some cases other agencies, must

satisfy to assist JMOC with fulfilling its statutory duties. These requirements include reports and data that ODM and its Director must share with JMOC and the JMOC Executive Director.¹¹⁰

Data sharing agreement with JMOC

(R.C. 103.414)

Before the beginning of each fiscal biennium, JMOC is required under continuing law to contract with an actuary to determine the projected medical inflation rate for the upcoming biennium. Continuing law then requires the projected medical inflation rate to be used to limit the growth of Medicaid spending for the upcoming biennium. To assist JMOC and the contracted actuary with determining the projected medical inflation rate for a fiscal biennium, the bill requires the ODM Director to enter into a data sharing agreement with the JMOC Executive Director and the contracted actuary, by a deadline established by the JMOC Executive Director. Additionally, the ODM Director must make ODM staff and any contracted actuaries readily available to JMOC and JMOC's contracted actuary.

The bill further requires ODM to provide any information requested by JMOC, the JMOC Executive Director, or JMOC's contracted actuary in a timely manner and in accordance with any deadlines established by the Executive Director or actuary. Moreover, in providing this information, ODM must play the same role as an auditee when being audited by the Auditor of State, thereby requiring ODM to provide requested information quickly, in a timely manner, and by the deadlines established by JMOC. The bill prohibits the ODM Director, an employee of ODM, or any ODM contractor from hindering, obstructing, or interfering with the determination of the projected medical inflation rate for a fiscal biennium.

JMOC access to eligibility information and systems

(R.C. 103.416)

To assist JMOC with fulfilling its statutory duty to oversee the Medicaid program, the bill requires ODM, the Department of Job and Family Services (JFS), and county departments of job and family services, not later than October 1, 2025, to provide the JMOC Executive Director and JMOC, to the extent permitted by federal law, with access to view all information and systems used for (1) determining eligibility for public assistance benefits and (2) for billing, payments, and tracking for providers, including all of the following:¹¹¹

- The Ohio Integrated Eligibility System;

¹¹⁰ The bill imposes several requirements on ODM to provide information or data to the JMOC Executive Director. While current law authorizes JMOC to employ staff as necessary to perform its duties, the law does not specifically refer to an Executive Director.

¹¹¹ The bill does not define "public assistance benefits" for the purpose of this new requirement; however, because it does not extend the requirement to other agencies that administer public assistance programs, it is likely limited to those programs administered by ODM and JFS. It is unclear to what extent ODM, JFS, and the county departments are capable of providing JMOC access to the listed systems that are not operated by those agencies.

- The Support Enforcement Tracking System;
- The Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements System;
- The Electronic Document Management System;
- The Content Manager;
- The Compass Pilot;
- The Income and Eligibility Verification System;
- The Medicaid Information Technology System;
- The Ohio Medicaid Enterprise System;
- The Fiscal Intermediary;
- The Single State Pharmacy Benefit Manager;
- The Provider Network Management Module;
- The Electronic Data Interchange;
- The Business Intelligence Reporting System;
- The Work Number;
- Columbia Gas;
- Self-service reports.

The bill requires ODM, JFS, and county departments of job and family services to provide systems training to the JMOC Executive Director and JMOC staff to ensure proper understanding and interpretation of the information. Additionally, the bill specifies that the Executive Director and staff of JMOC must adhere to the same confidentiality standards that employees of ODM, JFS, and county departments of job and family services do when accessing the information and systems described above.

ODM file sharing with JMOC actuary

(R.C. 103.417; conforming changes in R.C. 103.41)

Beginning October 1, 2025, the bill requires ODM to periodically provide information files to the JMOC contracted actuary. Files provided must include all relevant information for the six-month period immediately preceding the date on which information files are provided to the actuary, and must be provided to the actuary every six months. The bill requires that ODM provide the following information to the JMOC actuary: (1) recipient vendor files, (2) recipient liability files, (3) recipient eligibility files, (4) provider files, (5) claims files, (6) capitation files, (7) reference files, and (8) any additional files that may be added to ODM's vendor data extract submissions or other files that JMOC requires ODM to share with the actuary.

The bill specifies that each of the file types described above must be provided to the actuary as separate files. The file types must be submitted in a manner that allows for current

submissions to be appended to previous submissions, or when applicable, must contain a restatement of previous information provided as well as updated and more recent information. When providing required files to the actuary, ODM must provide all information necessary to perform last-in-chain, reversals, and claim reversals with each submission, and the information must be provided in a manner that allows the actuary to identify all final iterations of paid claims. In addition to providing the information and files described above, ODM must also provide the actuary with information regarding control totals for each information file submitted. The control totals must include record count and payment information to ensure that information files are fully submitted to the actuary.

Administrative reporting to JMOC

(R.C. 5162.17)

The bill requires ODM, on September 1 annually, to prepare and submit a report to JMOC and the JMOC Executive Director that details the full-time equivalent employees and related expenditures for (1) eligibility operations, (2) information technology, (3) Medicaid Management Information Systems operations, and (4) all other administrative operations of each state agency. The report must delineate the administrative costs described above by which costs were paid to vendors and which costs were incurred directly by the state agency.

The report must include all of the following for each state agency:

- The actual total number of full-time equivalent employees, their unique identifying employee position numbers or equivalents, their salaries, their benefits, their taxes, and any non-salary or benefit administrative costs from the prior two years;
- The budgeted number of full-time equivalent employees, salaries, taxes, and nonsalary or benefit administrative costs from the prior two years;
- The forecasted number of full-time equivalent employees, salaries, benefits, taxes, and any nonsalary or benefit administrative costs for the upcoming year;
- A comparison between the two prior years' actual and budgeted number of full-time equivalent employees and expenditures;
- A comparison between the actual number of full-time equivalent employees and expenditures from the prior year and the forecasted number of full-time equivalent employees and expenditures for the upcoming year.

If the total number of full-time equivalent employees or expenditures for any combination of agency and category deviates more than 5% from the preceding year's budgeted number of full-time equivalent employees or expenditures, the report must additionally provide a detailed justification for the variance. To assist with the submission of the required report, the bill authorizes JMOC to create a template for ODM to reference with creating its report.