

Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee
Minutes
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The Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee was called to order pursuant to the meeting notice at approximately 9:01 a.m. in the Senate Finance Hearing Room by Chair Adam Holmes.

The clerk called the roll and a quorum was present. The minutes of the April 20, 2023, meeting were approved without objection.

The Chair opened with a reminder of JMOC's purpose, capping Medicaid's Growth Rate prior to the induction of the Operating Budget, and how Ohio Revised Code 5162.7 restricts the Executive's Budget from exceeding either the JMOC Growth Rate or Medical Consumer Price Index of the Midwest (whichever is lowest). He also noted that the Executive's Budget was introduced at \$35.8 Billion, which exceeds 2020's Medicaid spending of \$23.3 Billion. Considering that a continuation in that direction is unsustainable, today's hearing is to review how the Growth Rate Report was compiled and trying to understand factors, which might cause the Executive to go over its required limit.

The Chair called forward Jada Brady, Executive Director of the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee, to give background of the per member per month formula (PMPM) and the Ohio Department of Medicaid's other obligations to keep the growth of Medicaid down as stated in Ohio Revised Code 5162.70.

Questions were asked.

Following Director Brady, Marshall Dupree, Consultant for CBIZ Optumas, who oversaw the data for the project, reviewed their methodology, data sources, results of the report and the Committee's vote. Mr. Dupree also reviewed Medicaid's Determinant's of Risks as well as the risk of the individual on a PMPM basis. CBIZ Optumas is a health strategy consulting actuarial firm that has been contracted with JMOC since 2014 to estimate Ohio's Medicaid Medical Growth Rate prior to each biennium's introduction.

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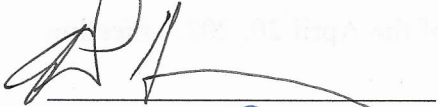
Dan Skinner, FSA, CERA, MAAA, Senior Manager who led this project for CBIZ Optumas, finished the presentation with trends, their findings and future economic forecasts.

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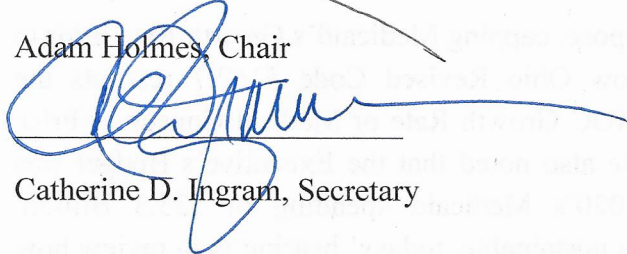
Mr. Skinner then presented the last part of the hearing, of "Big Picture Thinking" (an actuarial overview of policies to better Ohio's Medicaid Program).

Chair Holmes announced that July's meeting would center upon the problem of Infant Mortality and how JMOC is unique in that it is positioned to help reduce its numbers. Following July's meeting other issues the Committee will focus upon include: value based purchasing tools, hospital monitoring and the complexity of their model and the home based care system He reminded the Committee of JMOC's of strategic oversight of the budget and although Medicaid is greatly tied to federal law, how we can influence and shape it to benefit all Ohioans.

With no further business, Chairman Holmes adjourned the Committee at approximately 10:35 p.m.



Adam Holmes, Chair



Catherine D. Ingram, Secretary