



# Strengthen Ohio with Healthy Communities

Ohio's Medicaid program is a key work support. A healthy workforce is a productive workforce. Our public policies can make Ohioans healthier and more competitive. By continuing health care coverage that maintains, without barriers or cuts, an affordable, comprehensive benefit package for low income Ohioans, our economy is strengthened and Ohio thrives.

## 1 Medicaid Expansion



By expanding Ohio's Medicaid program in 2014, over 700,000 Ohioans gained access to affordable health care coverage. Good health is critical for maintaining a job, earning an education, caring for children and parents, and participating in community life. Imposing premiums would be a step backwards for Ohio, damaging the progress made toward affordable access to health care without barriers for low income Ohioans. Requiring premiums for those between 100-138% of the federal poverty level would reduce access to health care for eligible Ohioans, reduce positive health outcomes for Ohioans enrolled in Medicaid, and increase the already tragic health disparities that exist throughout Ohio. To learn more, visit [www.uhcanohio.org](http://www.uhcanohio.org).

## 2 Long Term Services and Supports

Seniors prefer home and community services, where they can remain independent, connected to their community, and avoid costly nursing facilities. Ohio's Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) use their knowledge of their community to create service delivery systems that work. By leveraging different resources to provide a holistic approach, AAAs are nimble and able to maintain quality care coordination and cost effective home and community based services to meet local needs. If PASSPORT is moved into a separate managed care program, the benefits to consumers of linking to a wide range of non-Medicaid services are lost. To learn more, visit [www.ohioaging.org](http://www.ohioaging.org).



Ohio's economy is stronger when health care is affordable and accessible.  
**When Ohio's economy is strong  
everybody benefits.**