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## HPIO fact sheet details COVID impact on Ohio Medicaid enrollment, spending

**(COLUMBUS, Ohio)**– The Health Policy Institute of Ohio recently released a new fact sheet detailing how the COVID-19 has impacted Ohio Medicaid enrollment and spending and what steps will need to take place as the federal Public Health Emergency comes to an end.

**“Ohio Medicaid Basics Update: Trends in Enrollment and Expenditures During the COVID-19 Pandemic”** found that, since the COVID-19 pandemic began in March 2020, enrollment, spending and federal funding for Ohio Medicaid have increased significantly. Drawing from the foundational information provided in HPIO’s **Ohio Medicaid Basics 2021** policy brief, the fact sheet provides information on:

- Changes to the Medicaid program due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Enrollment changes during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Ohio Medicaid spending during the COVID-19 pandemic

“Ohio policymakers must be agile in their response to new challenges facing Medicaid enrollees as the COVID-19 pandemic continues, including the end of the (public health emergency) and potential loss of Medicaid eligibility for tens of thousands of Ohioans,” the fact sheet concludes. “State policymakers and other stakeholders must also balance the benefits of the Medicaid program with budgetary and administrative challenges to improve health, achieve equity and promote sustainable healthcare spending in Ohio.”

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