

## Franklin County Impact of Not Expanding Medicaid Eligibility

- According to the Ohio Department of Mental Health, the Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Board of Franklin County spends \$9,001,782 in local levy dollars to provide treatment services for indigent clients who would be eligible for Medicaid if the program was expanded.<sup>1</sup> These funds could be repurposed by ADAMH of Franklin County for mental health, alcohol and other drug recovery support, prevention, and intervention services.
- Without the expansion of Medicaid eligibility, every Ohio county will lose out on local Medicaid managed care tax revenues. The Health Policy Institute of Ohio projects \$3,278,534 in new local Medicaid managed care sales tax revenues for Franklin County from Medicaid expansion in 2015.<sup>2</sup>
- In addition local Medicaid managed care sales tax revenues there will be a loss of increased economic activity generated by the new federal funds that would result in increased local general sales tax receipts. The Health Policy Institute of Ohio projects \$1,575,263 in general sales tax revenues for Franklin County in 2015 due to the increased economic activity related to Medicaid Expansion.<sup>1</sup>
- The Franklin County Board of Commissioners supports the following Community Partnerships with programs for the uninsured and underinsured residents of Franklin County. Not expanding Medicaid would maintain demand for these programs and additional county General Fund dollars could be necessary to meet the need.

Direct Care Initiatives		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Access Health Columbus	<i>Supports the creation of medical homes for patients</i>	300,000	NA	30,000	27,000	25,000
Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio	<i>Provide uninsured/underinsured County residents access to prescription drugs</i>	NA	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Columbus Neighborhood Health Center	<i>Provide prenatal and perinatal services, screenings and education services for obesity</i>	978,841	830,000	830,000	500,000	475,000
Physicians Care Connection	<i>Provide health services and prescription drugs to uninsured/underinsured county residents</i>	NA	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,278,841</b>	<b>1,130,000</b>	<b>1,160,000</b>	<b>827,000</b>	<b>800,000</b>

Public Health Initiatives						
Franklin County Public Health	<i>Flu campaign and vaccinations</i>	150,000	150,000	150,000	135,000	135,000
Columbus Board of Health <sup>3</sup>	<i>TB treatment and control</i>	2,200,000	2,200,000	1,961,700	1,747,929	1,768,039
Cancer Support Community Central Ohio	<i>Provide programs and support services for persons living with cancer</i>	50,000	NA	40,000	40,000	40,000
Central Ohio Diabetes Association	<i>Provide diabetes detection, counseling, and support services</i>	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,450,000</b>	<b>2,400,000</b>	<b>2,201,700</b>	<b>1,972,929</b>	<b>1,993,039</b>

<sup>1</sup> Source: ODMH Report titled "Benefits of Governor Kasich's Plan to Extend Medicaid: County-by-County Behavioral Analysis"

<sup>2</sup> Of this amount, it is estimated that Franklin County would collect 60% of the sales tax revenues and Central Ohio Transit Authority would collect 40% for the transit tax.

<sup>3</sup> Includes support from the Ohio Department of Health in the following amounts: \$194,637 (2010), \$191,000 (2011), 164,300 (2012), and \$166,402 (2013)

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- Hospitals are key components of county economic health – from both an employer perspective and revenue perspective. Many hospitals depend on Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments to keep operations at their current level. With the Affordable Care Act (ACA) phasing out DSH payments, if Medicaid eligibility is not expanded, many hospitals will need to drastically reduce services and staffing to help keep afloat, and/or pass on these new incurred expenses of uncompensated care to those with coverage (County Commissioners Association of Ohio).