



AIDS Resource Center Ohio and the Ohio AIDS Coalition applaud Governor Kasich for proposing Medicaid expansion up to 138% of the Federal Poverty Level. ARC Ohio and OAC have continually advocated for the expansion of the Medicaid program which currently provides comprehensive health coverage to nearly 40% of people living with HIV/AIDS in the nation.

"This decision is an important step in helping Ohio meet the goals of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy," says ARC Ohio President & CEO Bill Hardy. "With this expanded support, we can continue to focus on reducing new HIV infections, increasing access to care, improving health outcomes, and reducing disparities in treatment for Ohioans living with HIV."

We laud Governor Kasich's decision which would greatly benefit our community by improving access to care for many Ohioans living with HIV/AIDS as well as securing future access to care. The expansion of Medicaid reshapes the fight against HIV/AIDS in Ohio and be another foothold on the way to an HIV/AIDS free generation. ARC Ohio and OAC will work to ensure that Medicaid expansion remains in the Governor's budget as it moves through the General Assembly.

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