

Ohio Association of

**COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH
AUTHORITIES**



RESOLUTION to call for the Ohio General Assembly to pass the Expansion of Medicaid to 138% of poverty as allowable by the Affordable Care Act. The passage of Medicaid expansion will ensure additional access for Ohioans in need of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services.

WHEREAS, the members of the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities are committed to assuring that residents of every Ohio community live healthier lives through access to quality mental health, alcohol and other drug prevention, treatment and support services; and

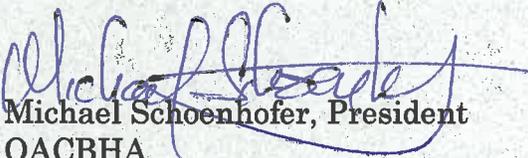
WHEREAS, Ohio must address the fact that an increasing number of individuals across the state are in need of alcohol, drug addiction and/or mental health services; and

WHEREAS, fewer and fewer severely mentally ill and addicted clients are being provided services due to the past decade of erosion of the behavioral health safety net; and

WHEREAS, if no action is taken, the crisis facing the individuals in need of alcohol, drug addiction and mental health services threatens to become so pervasive and acute that vulnerable Ohioans will continue to suffer needlessly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, because treatment works and people recover, recovering people work, and working people pay taxes, by unanimous agreement, the members of the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, respectfully requests the Ohio General Assembly to pass the expansion of Medicaid to 138% of poverty, in order to better serve Ohioans in need of behavioral health services.

Ratified on the 15th day of February, Two Thousand and Thirteen.


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