



**State Representative
Beth Liston M.D. PhD**

September 14, 2023

The Honorable Mike DeWine
Governor of Ohio
77 S. High Street, 30th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Thousands of Ohio kids losing Medicaid coverage

Dear Governor DeWine:

On behalf of the Ohio House Democratic Caucus and the hundreds of Ohio children and families we represent, I urge you to take action regarding the tens of thousands of Ohio's children who have been losing Medicaid insurance.

According to Ohio Medicaid case reports, approximately 69,000 kids have been disenrolled from the program since April. More than three-quarters of these children have been dropped for procedural reasons, not because they were found to be ineligible. This is a large number of our children who are being denied their medication, treatment, and regular check-ups for 'procedural' reasons.

Close to half of our children rely on Medicaid or Healthy Start/ SCHIP for health insurance coverage. Every child in Ohio should have access to the care they need to stay healthy. Every Ohioan deserves the security and stability of knowing their family will have coverage when they need it most.

This is why I am formally requesting that we alert those who are no longer covered by Medicaid immediately, provide information on how to re-enroll, and expand on best practices for families to plan their healthcare access. Medicaid should also provide

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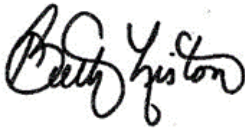
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updates on disenrollment rates, reasons for disenrollment and steps agencies are taking to ensure affected children have access to healthcare coverage. We cannot let more families go bankrupt or more kids suffer due to the cost of medical care. Our children and our families deserve better.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. If more information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 614-644-6030 or Rep08@ohiohouse.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Liston". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and "L".

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