



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

December 19, 2023

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

RE: Latest reveal of Children Disenrollment from Medicaid

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 act in response to the latest release of Medicaid disenrollment data for Ohio that has been detailed in letter sent to you by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

According to Ohio Medicaid case reports, and as highlighted by HHS, “your state has declined by 86,053 children, or 6% compared to March 2023. We are deeply alarmed by this information and urge you to adopt the policies as outlined by HHS to ensure that Ohio Children are covered.

So many of our children rely on Medicaid for health insurance coverage. No child in Ohio should go without the access to the care they need. Every Ohioan deserves to know that their family will have coverage when they need it most.

Therefore, I am formally requesting that the procedural disenrollment for children be halted for 12 months, while Medicaid works with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to adopt policies ensuring that children remain enrolled.

We cannot let any more kids suffer due to being declined coverage. 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 repo8@ohiohouse.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Liston".

Beth Liston M.D. PhD
State Representative, Ohio House District 8