



Health Plans Back Healthy Choices for Healthy Children

Ohio's Health Plans Back Legislation Promoting Healthy Choices for Healthy Children

The Ohio Association of Health Plans joined with physicians, hospitals, business leaders, and statewide health advocates to support the Healthy Choices for Healthy Children legislation that was introduced today in both the Ohio House of Representatives and Ohio Senate.

“Ohio’s health plans fully support this effort to improve the health and wellness of our most precious resource – Ohio’s kids. By coming together with health and business leaders to drive this initiative, we will not only make great strides in improving the health and quality of life for Ohio children but also begin to address the long-term health care costs that are straining our health care system,” said Kelly McGivern, President and CEO of the Ohio Association of Health Plans.

The Healthy Choices for Healthy Children legislation introduced by Senators Kevin Coughlin and Eric Kearney and Representatives John Carney and Lynn Wachtmann, does the following:

- Raises the bar to ensure children have access to nutritious foods in the school setting;
- Builds physical activity into the daily school routine and focusing on the importance of quality physical education to children leading healthy lifestyles;
- Measures and reports progress through routine screenings and communication with parents;
- Creates a council of experts, appointed by the Governor and the Ohio General Assembly, to shape school-based solutions to childhood obesity.

“By building good health habits for our kids early in life, we can help them become more healthy adults,” added McGivern.

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