



SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 5

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Chairman and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to speak today. My name is Beau Euton and I am here today on behalf of FGA Action to testify in support of this resolution to implement work requirements for able-bodied adults on Medicaid.

At its core, Medicaid is a safety net—and it should remain that way for the truly needy. But it's also important we help people move toward independence whenever possible. That's what this resolution is about.

It's not about taking health care away from those who truly need it—it's about encouraging those who can work to work. By requiring able-bodied adults on Medicaid to engage in work, job training, or education, we're giving them a path forward.

This expectation aligns with Ohio's broader efforts to empower individuals, strengthen our workforce, and reduce long-term dependence on government assistance. To be clear, individuals with disabilities, those caring for young children, and those struggling with substance addictions would **not be** subject to the work requirements.

This approach is not new. Across the country, we've seen work requirements in Medicaid and other welfare programs show positive results. In Arkansas, nearly 10,000 Medicaid expansion enrollees found employment after a work requirement was implemented.¹ The work requirements in food stamps have helped thousands of Americans move from welfare to work, leading to higher incomes and less dependency.²

Ohioans want to work. They want opportunities to grow, to provide for their families, and to contribute to their communities. This resolution ensures that Medicaid remains available for those who need it while encouraging a pathway out of dependency for those capable of becoming self-sufficient. This body has made it clear: Empowering individuals through work aligns with our state's commitment to financial independence and prosperity.

I ask the Committee to support this resolution. Thank you for your time, and I'd be happy to take any questions you may have.

¹ Nicholas Horton and Victoria Eardley, "Arkansas' Medicaid work requirement was working," Foundation for Government Accountability (2019), <https://thefga.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Arkansas-Work-Requirements-Were-Working-Paper-DRAFT7.pdf>.

² Jonathan Bain, "Work Requirements Work: How Expanding Food Stamp Work Requirements Can Continue to Break the Cycle of Dependency," Foundation for Government Accountability (2023), <https://thefga.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/parent-abawd-work-requirements-paper-10-3-23.pdf>.