



## Ohio Bleeding Disorders Council

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*House Bill 110 – State Operating Budget for SFY 22/23*

Chairman Huffman, Vice-Chair Antani, Ranking Member Antonio, and members of the Senate Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on House Bill 110, the State Operating Budget for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023. My name is Randi Clites and I am the State Policy Director for the Ohio Bleeding Disorders Council.

Bleeding disorders are characterized by the inability of the patient to form a proper blood clot. These patients will often experience extended bleeding after injury, surgery, trauma or other health issue. Sometimes the bleeding is spontaneous, without a known or identifiable cause. The two main types of bleeding disorders are Hemophilia and von Willebrand Disease. In one-third of cases, there is no family history of hemophilia. In Ohio, there are more than 1,200 individuals living with hemophilia and 1,500 living with von Willebrand Disease. These are some of the largest populations nationwide.

Overall, we are very happy with House Bill 110 and the investments it will make in Ohio's children and families. HB 110 includes stable funding for the Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) program and the Hemophilia Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) program. These programs, both housed under the Ohio Department of Health, provide vital support to Ohioans with a bleeding disorder and their families.

Additionally, HB 110 provides stable funding for Medicaid and will allow the Ohio Department of Medicaid to continue pursuing changes to the managed care program and pharmacy benefits. While these reforms are still in the early stages, we feel they have the potential to be very positive for healthcare providers and patients with a bleeding disorder.

There are two potential amendments to House Bill 110 that I would like to briefly discuss—

### **CMH Eligibility**

Currently, Ohio children age out of the Children with Medical Handicaps program at when they turn 21. OBDC and other advocates are pursuing an amendment to raise the age of eligibility to 26. This would be done by raising the eligibility by one year of age over the next several years so that children who are about to age out of the program will be covered through their 26<sup>th</sup> birthday. The cost of this expansion is minimal, just \$500,000 per fiscal year, but the impact will be significant to these individuals.

### **Medicaid P&T Committee**

Like other payers, the Ohio Department of Medicaid has a pharmacy and therapeutics (P&T) committee comprised of healthcare providers who make recommendations on drug coverage. Medicaid's P&T committee is especially important given that Ohio adopted a single preferred drug list (PDL) for all Medicaid enrollees earlier this year. Medicaid's P&T committee has ten members, and eight of those ten members must represent specific disciplines as defined in the Revised Code. We are seeking an amendment to specify that the remaining two seats be designated for a rare disease expert and a patient or parent of a patient with a rare disease. This will ensure that the P&T Committee has expertise for drugs that are critical to Ohioans with complex medical conditions.

In closing, I want to stress that our goal with these amendments and our overall support for HB 110 reflect OBDC's commitment to our patients. Thanks to recent advancements in therapy and medication, individuals with a bleeding disorder can live full and complete lives. The inclusion of these amendments into HB 110 will continue our commitment to supporting the most vulnerable Ohioans. Thank you for your time and I would be happy to answer any questions that the committee might have.