The Shifting Medicaid Landscape: What It Means For The People In Our Community



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HR 1 Implementation Continues

House Resolution 1
Health and Human Services Impact

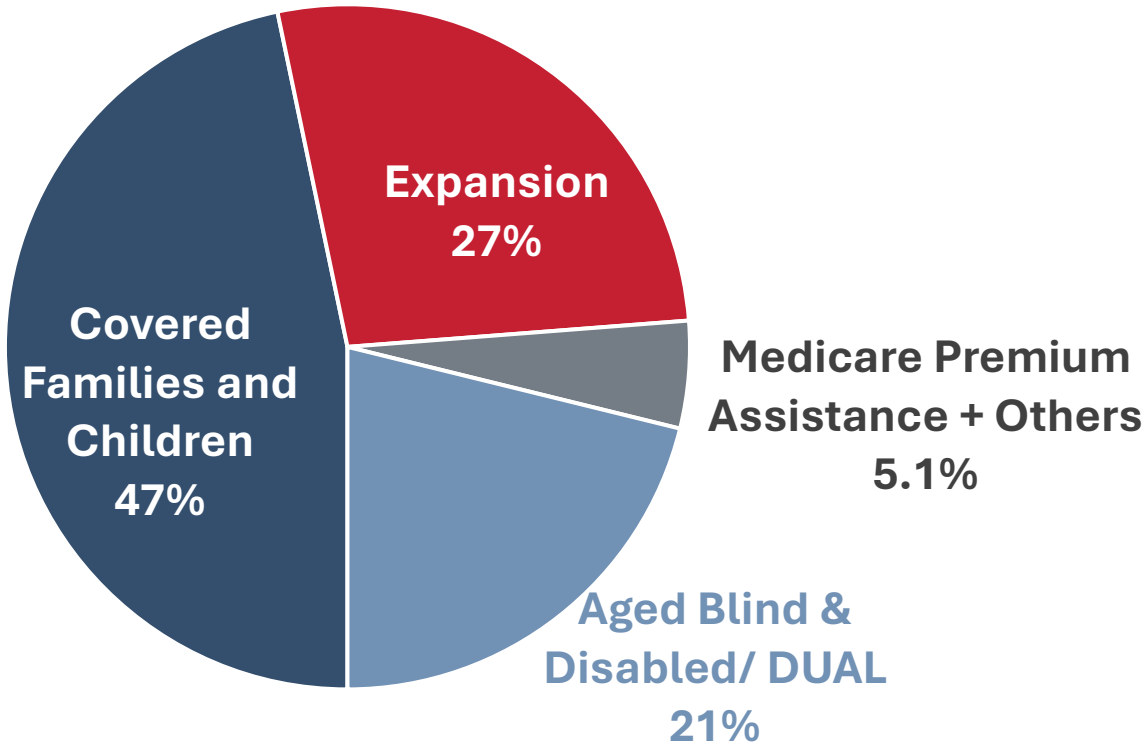
In 2025, Cuyahoga County established a coordinated, strategic, and community-centered response to the federal reforms enacted under House Resolution 1 (HR 1), formally known as Public Law 119-21.

HR 1 has introduced sweeping changes to Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), including new eligibility, reporting structures, and expanded work requirements. These changes will significantly affect resident access to safety-net programs, with impacts including:

- Over 5,400 residents in receipt of SNAP benefits became subject to work requirements due to age or lack of documented exemptions.
- Over 1,000 residents (veterans, unhoused, former foster youth) have lost their exemption status.
- Over 2,000 immigrant non-citizens have lost their SNAP eligibility.
- Residents will need to meet exemptions or work requirements for Medicaid in 2027.

347,860 Cuyahoga residents are relying on Medicaid

Medicaid Enrolled Population by Major Caseload Group, Cuyahoga County, September 2025



Medicaid policy changes are underway with more coming.



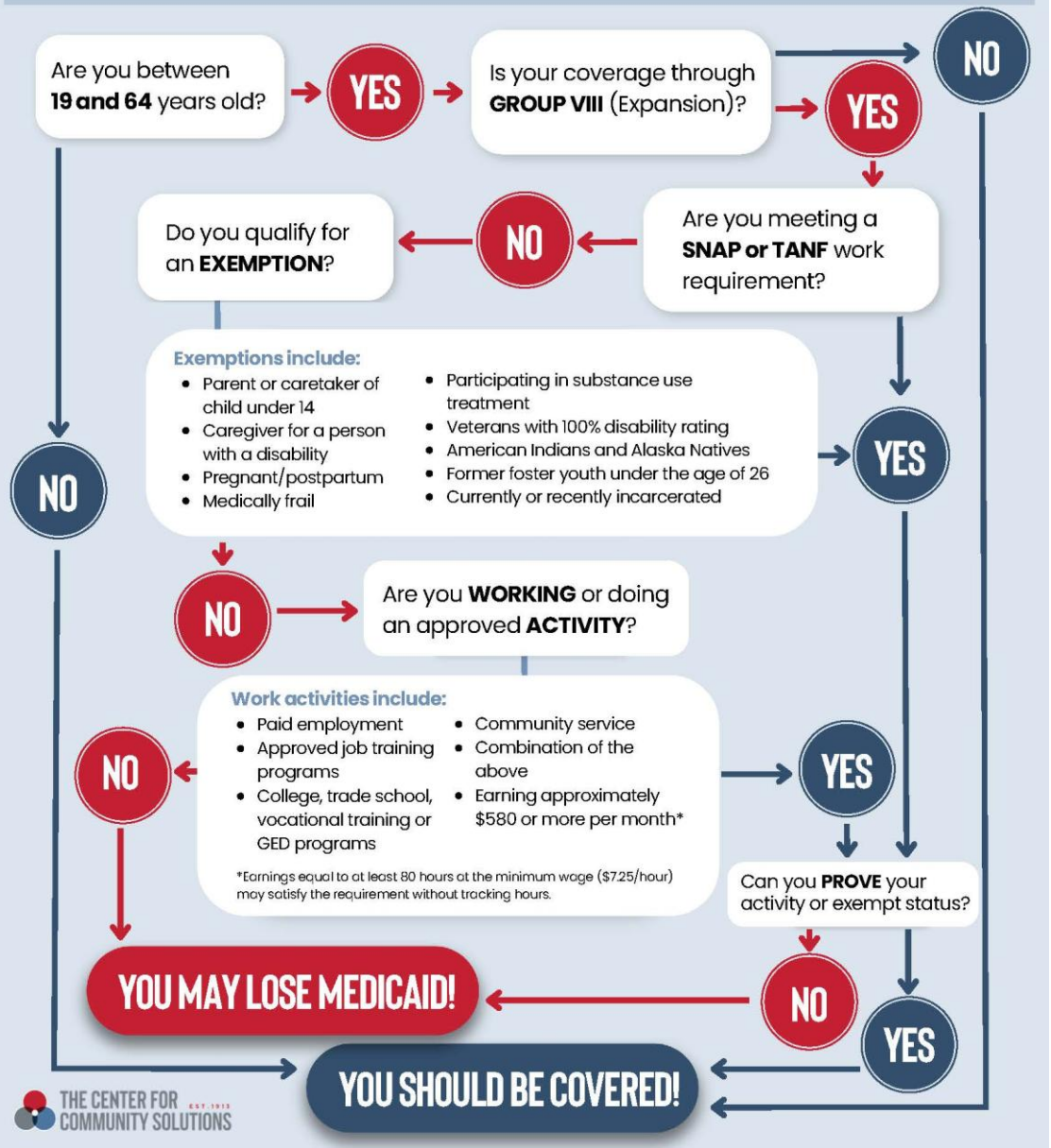
Non-citizen restrictions for Medicaid began



- Medicaid **work requirements** begin to be implemented for the expansion population
- Reduction in **retroactive coverage** in Medicaid
- **Six-month renewal** period starts

Will I meet Medicaid's new work requirement?

Some adults enrolled in Ohio Medicaid Expansion (Group VIII) may need to document qualifying activities or receive an exemption to keep their coverage at some point after January 1, 2027.

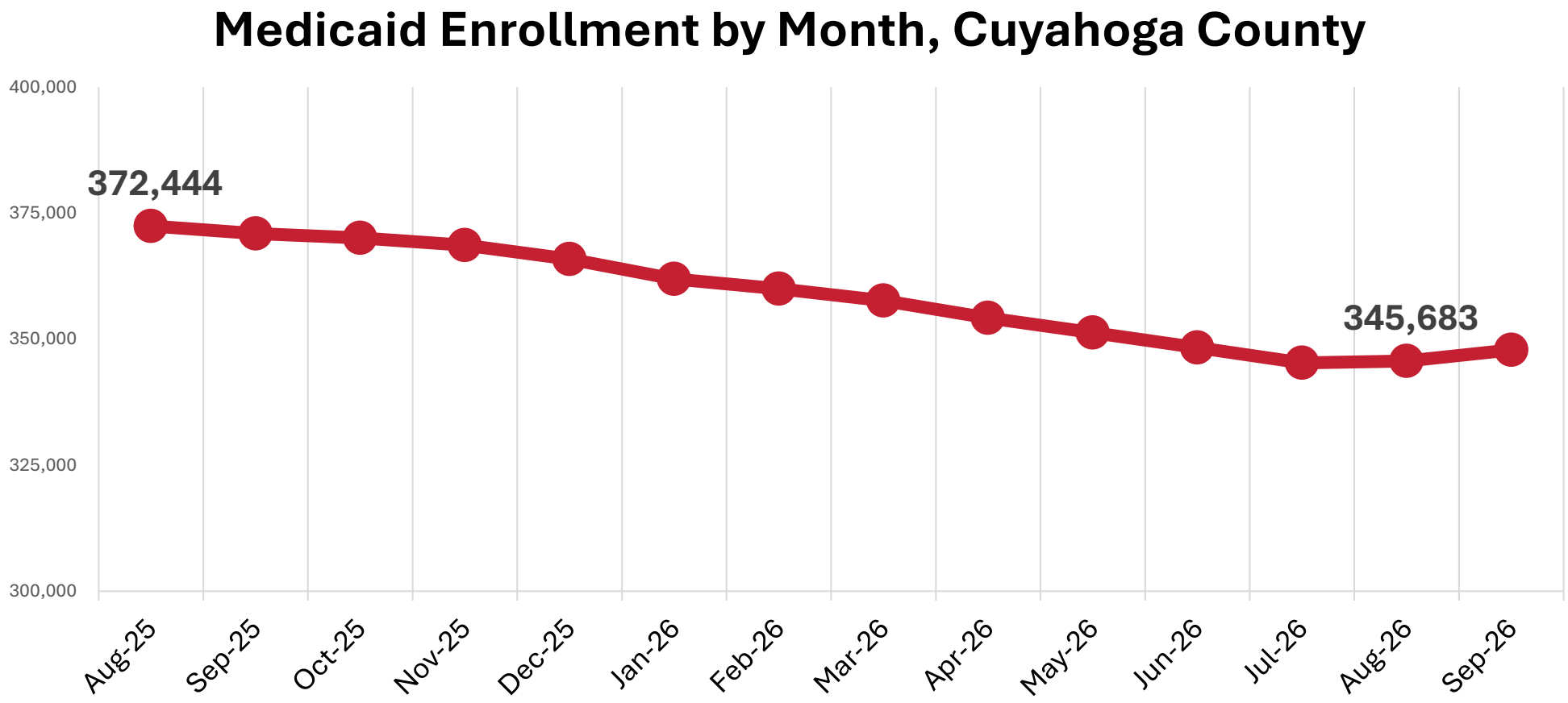


Data from the Ohio Department of Medicaid (as of June 2026)

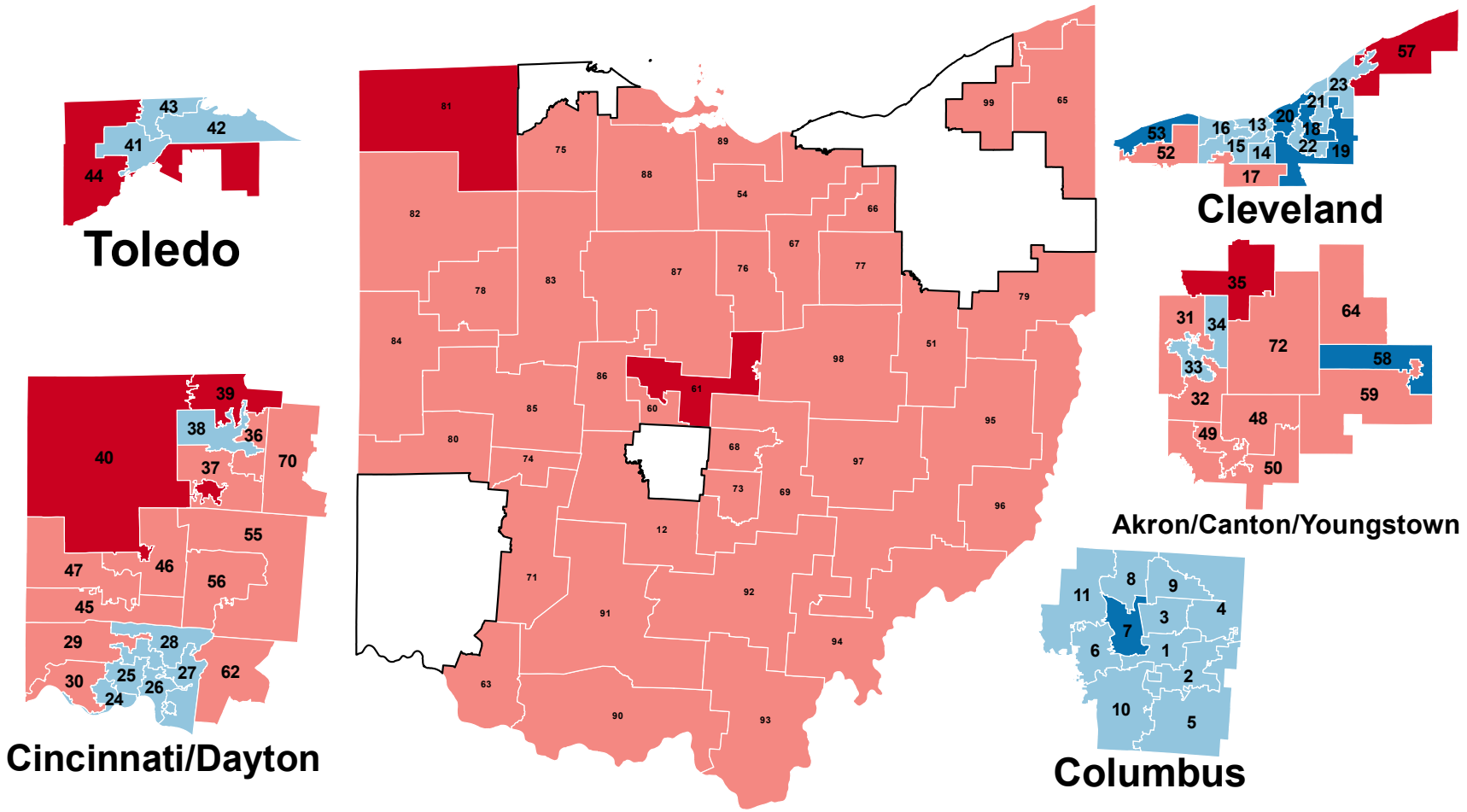
Category	Count	Percent
Individuals that meet statutory requirements	**560,440**	**78.3%**
Working	302,829	42.3%
Age	552	<0.1%
Medically frail or disabled	132,991	18.6%
Parent of a child aged 13 or younger	14,357	2.0%
Pregnant, incarcerated, or former foster care	14,475	2.0%
Other qualifying activity	26,074	3.6%
Other Medicaid eligibility	69,162	9.7%
Requires assessment	**155,031**	**21.7%**



23,000 fewer Cuyahoga residents have Medicaid today than one year ago



2026 Ohio House Election



Red = Republican incumbent, Blue = Democrat incumbent
Darker color indicates term-limited or retiring incumbent



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