

# Healthcare

For nearly 30 years, affordable and available health insurance has ranked as our members' top issue. State-imposed policies can lead to small businesses forgoing employee coverage.

Elected officials should understand significant gaps in coverage that will remain as at least two-thirds of eligible Ohioans will not be impacted by state-imposed health insurance mandates.

- Impose no new or expanded state-imposed health insurance mandates.
- Establish a review process to determine the ongoing efficacy of all healthcare mandates. Require evaluation of alternative coverage options. Ensure mandates apply to all public employee benefit plans and Medicaid.
- Per the Affordable Care Act, Ohio must defray the cost of additional state-imposed health insurance mandates enacted after the end of 2011. Legislators should resist attempts to circumvent this by labeling mandates as "clarifications."
- Ohio should remove and not add greater burdens on health insurance plans than those required by the federal government on self-insured plans.
- Require disclosure of who will be subjected to new mandates when a bill is proposed.