



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

## Bill Analysis

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### **S.B. 243**

132nd General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

Sen. Dolan

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## **BILL SUMMARY**

- Prohibits the Department of Medicaid from charging a copayment to a Medicaid recipient if the recipient has a developmental disability or serious mental illness and the recipient's sole source of income is Social Security disability insurance, Supplemental Security Income, or both.

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## **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

### **Medicaid copayment requirements**

The bill adds an exemption to the continuing law requirement that the Department of Medicaid institute cost-sharing requirements (such as copayments) for the Medicaid Program. Under the bill, the Department is prohibited from charging a copayment to a Medicaid recipient if both of the following are true:

(1) The recipient has a developmental disability or serious mental illness;

(2) The recipient's sole source of income is Social Security disability benefits, Supplemental Security Income benefits, or both.<sup>1</sup>

A Medicaid recipient who meets the above criteria may present to a Medicaid provider the recipient's Social Security Administration benefit letter as verification of the recipient's exemption from the copayment requirement. If a recipient does so, the Medicaid provider cannot charge the recipient a copayment.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5162.20(A)(2).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 5162.20(B).

Continuing law, unchanged by the bill, also prohibits the Department from instituting a cost-sharing requirement that (1) disproportionately impacts a Medicaid recipient's ability to obtain medically necessary services or (2) is higher for prescribed, orally administered cancer medications than for intravenous or injectable cancer medications.<sup>3</sup>

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	12-18-17

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<sup>3</sup> R.C. 5162.20(A)(1) and (3).

