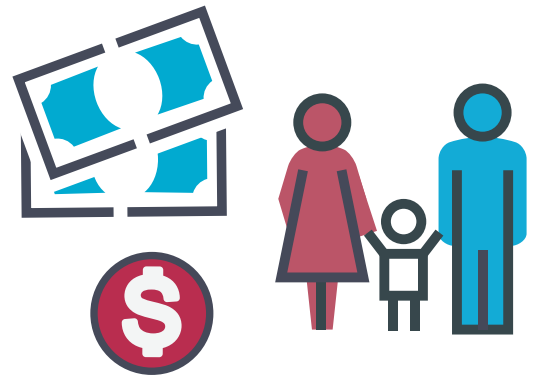


Health Care Affordability

The U.S. already spends more money on healthcare than any other nation in the developed world. But because we do not always know how our dollars are being spent, we don't get a true understanding of our return on investment. Knowledge is power, and the Ohio Association of Health Plans believe consumers deserve to know all the various factors that compose out-of-pocket costs.



Did you know?

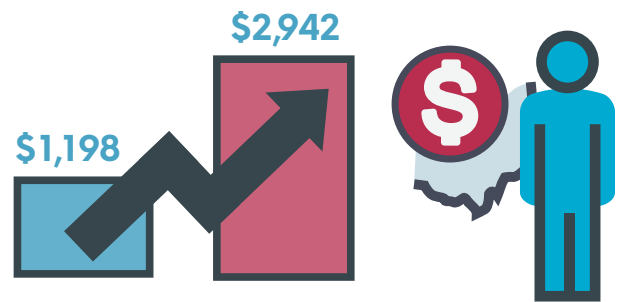
Pharmacies and Prescription Medications

- **21.5¢** of every dollar spent on health care goes to prescription drugs ¹
- Ohioans spent over **\$15.5 billion** on prescription drugs in 2019 ²



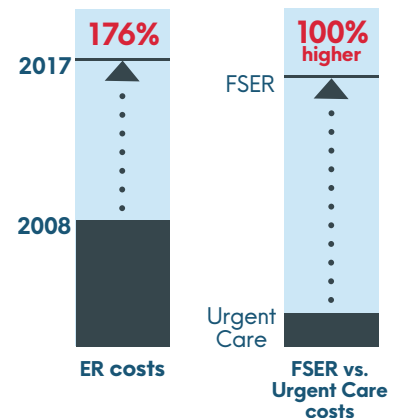
Hospitals

- Ohio hospital expenses per inpatient day increased **145%** from \$1,198 in 2000 to \$2,942 in 2019 ³
- Ohio private payer hospital costs were **235%** of Medicare in 2016-2018 ⁴



Emergency Rooms (ERs) and Freestanding Emergency Rooms (FSERs)

- From 2008 to 2017, the average cost of a visit to the ER rose **176%** for patients with employer sponsored health insurance ⁵
- Costs at FSER are **10x** higher than at urgent care clinics for patients with similar diagnostic codes, according to a 2019 study ⁶



¹ <https://www.ahip.org/health-care-dollar/>

² <https://www.kff.org/health-costs/state-indicator/total-sales-for-retail-rx-drugs/?currentTimeframe=0&selectedRows=%7B%22states%22:%7B%22ohio%22:%7B%7D%7D%7D&sortModel=%7B%22colld%22:%22Location%22,%22sort%22:%22asc%22%7D>

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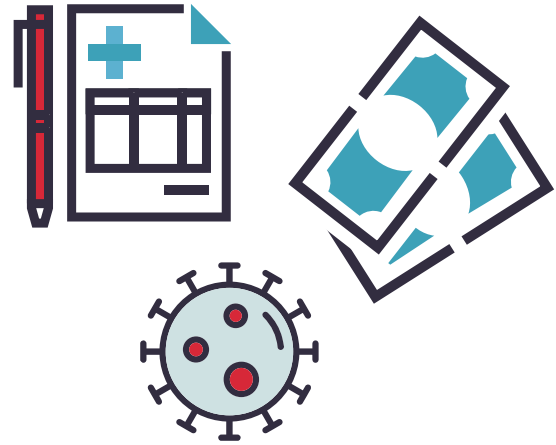
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Vaccines

An important strategy to keeping health care costs down is preventing illness within our communities.

Vaccines are proven to prevent or reduce chance of serious illness from countless known diseases.



Why vaccines?

Save Lives

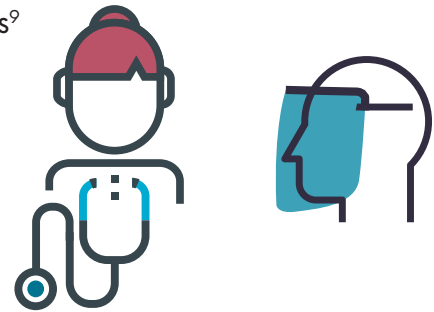
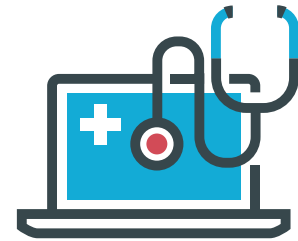
- An estimated **42,000** children born in the U.S. each year will die from vaccine preventable diseases ⁷

Reduce Health Care Costs

- A 20-year program to vaccinate children in the U.S. would save almost **\$300 billion** in health care costs by avoiding otherwise necessary medical care.⁷

Impact of COVID-19

- Unvaccinated U.S. adults tallied **\$2.3 billion** in hospital costs in just two months spanning June and July, 2021⁸
- Delta Airlines estimated that each unvaccinated employee drives **\$50,000** in COVID-19 related hospital and health care costs⁹
- Delta Airlines is implementing a **\$200 per month** health care surcharge for each unvaccinated employee to cover these anticipated COVID-19 medical costs ⁹



⁷ <https://www.ahip.org/vaccines-save-lives/>

⁸ https://www.healthsystemtracker.org/?sfid=4356&_sft_category=access-affordability,health-well-being,spending,quality-of-care

⁹ <https://www.today.com/video/amid-covid-19-surge-companies-push-to-get-employees-vaccinated-119495749907>