

April 4, 2025

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur  
U.S. House Representative for Ohio

Dear Representative Marcy Kaptur:

I am a nursing student at Firelands Regional Medical Center of Nursing in Sandusky, Ohio and currently work in registration at a small hospital named Magruder in Port Clinton, Ohio. I am writing today to speak about the Ohio Medicaid eligibility requirements. There are many people like me who are working and going to school full time, but are still not able to afford living out on their own due to the high medical bills. Then you also have many people who are doing all of that and living with an expensive disease, like type 1 diabetes, that they have no control over. The Ohio Medicaid requirements are extremely strict, if you make one more cent over the requirement, you are not allowed to be on Medicaid anymore. The estimated income that you have to be under is \$21,000 a year. When I became ineligible for Molina Medicaid, I was making about \$900 a check bi-weekly, barely able to afford groceries, rent, and medical bills from my type 1 diabetes.

Working at the hospital I have also seen many people have their Medicaid taken away from them without them knowing. When I inform them that their Medicaid is not coming back on my computer and this visit will have to be paid out of pocket, it causes a lot of panic, which I completely understand. Nowadays, people are having to pick between getting groceries or getting the healthcare that they need because they make a little too much to be eligible for Medicaid. I know, in my future career as a nurse, I will also run into the Medicaid problem with many patients and may not be able to treat them because of payment problems.

I strongly encourage you to take a look into Ohio requirements for Medicaid to see exactly how many people are struggling with the income requirement. I'm grateful for the time you have taken out of your busy schedule to hear about my healthcare concern.

Sincerely,

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