women in **Ohio** deserve coverage for obesity care



obesity is a chronic disease impacting women across Ohio



In Ohio, obesity impacts:1



of **Black** women



of **Hispanic**



Obesity is linked to over 200 other chronic health complications including breast and ovarian cancers and fertility challenges.2



Women living with obesity earn 9% less than women without obesity.3

Health insurance barriers place obesity care options, especially medications, out of reach for many women in Ohio.



Only 11% of Ohioans have health insurance plans that cover obesity medications.4



Ohio Medicaid does not cover obesity medications.4

In addition to obesity medications, evidencebased, comprehensive obesity care includes:5

- Nutrition services
- Intensive behavioral therapy
- Weight-loss surgery
- Physical activity

obesity has a significant financial impact on the state of Ohio



In 2023, the disease:



Reduced economic activity in Ohio by \$19.5 billion⁶



Increased Ohio employers' healthcare costs by \$2.2 billion⁶

Obesity care should be covered in Ohio just like care for other chronic diseases—it's only fair. **Let's work together** to ensure everybody is covered in Ohio.

Join our movement to ensure people living with obesity in Ohio are treated fairly.

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