

“**OUR MISSION:** InHealth Mutual is a nonprofit insurer built for members by members to provide quality, affordable health insurance that is responsive to the needs and wants of all Ohioans.”

BACKGROUND

Beginning January 1, 2014, everyone will be required to have health insurance under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) of 2010. To help meet this requirement, in addition to other solutions, the federal government included a provision for the creation of health care CO-OPs, which are nonprofit consumer operated and oriented health plans. There are 23 CO-OPS nationwide. In Ohio, there is only one, InHealth Mutual.

InHEALTH MUTUAL – OHIO'S ONLY CO-OP

InHealth Mutual is a nonprofit health care insurer designed to help Ohioans meet their need for quality, affordable health insurance coverage that will empower them to access the health care system in appropriate ways to improve their sense of security, wellbeing and peace of mind. To meet our capital needs and solvency requirements, the federal government provided start-up and solvency loans at low interest rates that are payable within five and fifteen years, respectively. We offer the same provider networks and great benefits as other traditional insurers while being fairly and competitively priced. However, we are different from the traditional insurance companies in several ways. Primarily, we are a nonprofit with a focus on individuals and small businesses. Also, after our initial start-up period, we will be governed by a board of directors that includes our members (policy holders). Further, any profits we make will be used to either enhance benefits or lower premiums. Being accountable to members versus stockholders is a paradigm shift InHealth believes ultimately will result in health insurance that is better and works better for the people we cover.

WHAT IS A HEALTH CARE CO-OP?

CO-OP stands for “consumer operated and oriented plan”. Ultimately, a CO-OP’s services are governed through a board of directors, the majority of which are its members (policy holders) and are implemented through its administrators. This ensures that a CO-OP will meet the needs of the people it serves.

WHAT IS THE IDEA BEHIND THE CREATION OF HEALTH CARE CO-OPS?

Health Care CO-OPs are one solution to improve the health insurance landscape in the United States by addressing concerns many Americans have about health insurance: lack of access and competition. In Ohio, where 14% of our citizens are uninsured, InHealth plans address the concerns many Ohioans have with traditional health care coverage: it’s complex and it lacks transparency. We plan to make it simple and easy-to-understand. The goal of health care CO-OPs is to bring more people under the health insurance umbrella to access more affordable, appropriate, quality care.



HOW WILL InHEALTH BENEFIT CONSUMERS?

InHealth Mutual will open the door to affordable, flexible and easy-to-understand coverage. As Ohio's only nonprofit, consumer operated and oriented plan, InHealth will provide access to the same healthcare networks and the same insurance benefits but with fewer barriers and greater agility. After our first year of operation, InHealth will be run by our members and for our members - extending a new, welcoming approach that empowers and affords more control and personal responsibility for healthcare decisions, advancing our members to greater well-being and peace of mind for themselves and their families.

Being a member-governed and focused plan gives InHealth the potential to promote efficiency, reduce premiums or premium growth, and improve benefits to our members (policy holders). As a nonprofit, it's our mandate that any profits be directed to enhancing benefits and/or lowering premiums. We also will work hard to get our members to the most appropriate level of care and reduce the speed bumps they often face. As a new entry into the market, InHealth is not burdened by legacy costs or adherence to existing plans. We are free to tailor our products to the specific health care needs of our membership.

HOW CAN InHEALTH INSURANCE BE PURCHASED?

In 2014, InHealth is offering insurance products to individuals, small businesses and groups through brokers and private exchanges. This is in preparation to expand in 2015 to also offer insurance products on the Health Insurance Marketplace (Exchange), thereby increasing access to affordable, flexible, quality health insurance for more Ohioans. For more information, please visit www.inhealthohio.org

HOW MUCH MONEY IS InHEALTH MUTUAL BORROWING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT?

We have received a nearly \$16 million start-up loan to develop InHealth Mutual. This will be distributed to us on a quarterly basis over the next two years, predicated on meeting certain goals. Once a CO-OP is formed (and licensed through its state insurance department), the state requires adequate reserves to protect the members who are buying health insurance. We have received a \$113 million solvency loan to meet these requirements, to be borrowed from the federal government as needed in order to maintain adequate reserve requirements. Our startup loan will be paid back over five years and the solvency loan will be paid back over 15 years.

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