



Sunday, September 14, 2014

Ohio Reaches Key Goal in Long-Term-Care Spending

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — State officials say Ohio has met a key benchmark in providing long-term-care services for older and disabled residents.

The state exceeded a goal of spending at least 50 percent of its Medicaid long-term-care budget on home- and community-based services, reported [The Columbus Dispatch](http://bit.ly/1IWUufB)(<http://bit.ly/1IWUufB>).

State Medicaid officials say they reached the target more than a full year ahead of a federal deadline.

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Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Editorial: 50-50 is a Better Deal

Achieving a 50-50 split in tax dollars spent on nursing homes versus those used to help senior citizens remain more independent is something to celebrate — for Ohio seniors, their families, and taxpayers who foot the bill.

It's a clear sign that Ohio continues to move beyond an era in which state Medicaid dollars for long-term care were funneled to nursing homes, where care is more expensive than in any other setting and where many people didn't want to be.

The improvement — and the fact that the goal was reached a year ahead of a Sept. 30, 2015, federal deadline — comes in large part because Gov. John Kasich and his Office of Health Transformation have made a better balance one of their top priorities.

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