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Ohio Budget In the Context of the National Health Care Debate

The Medicaid Battle

- Currently, states control how much Medicaid is spent. The Feds set the percentage match, and beyond that, there is no real control.
- The Federal Government wants to take control of how much Medicaid is spent.

The Medicaid Battle (continued)

- The Feds could exert control by using a couple of different methods:

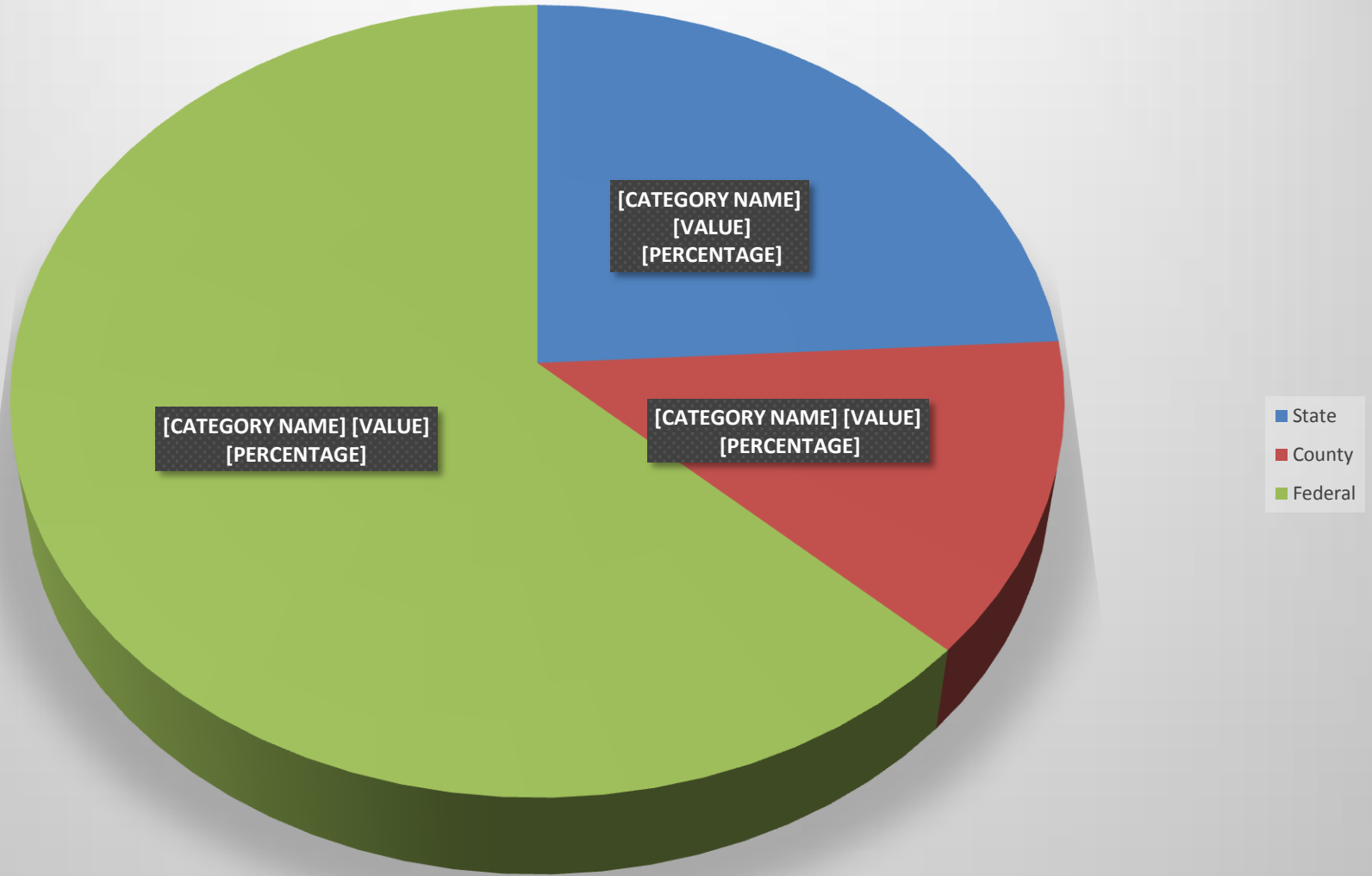
Block Grants

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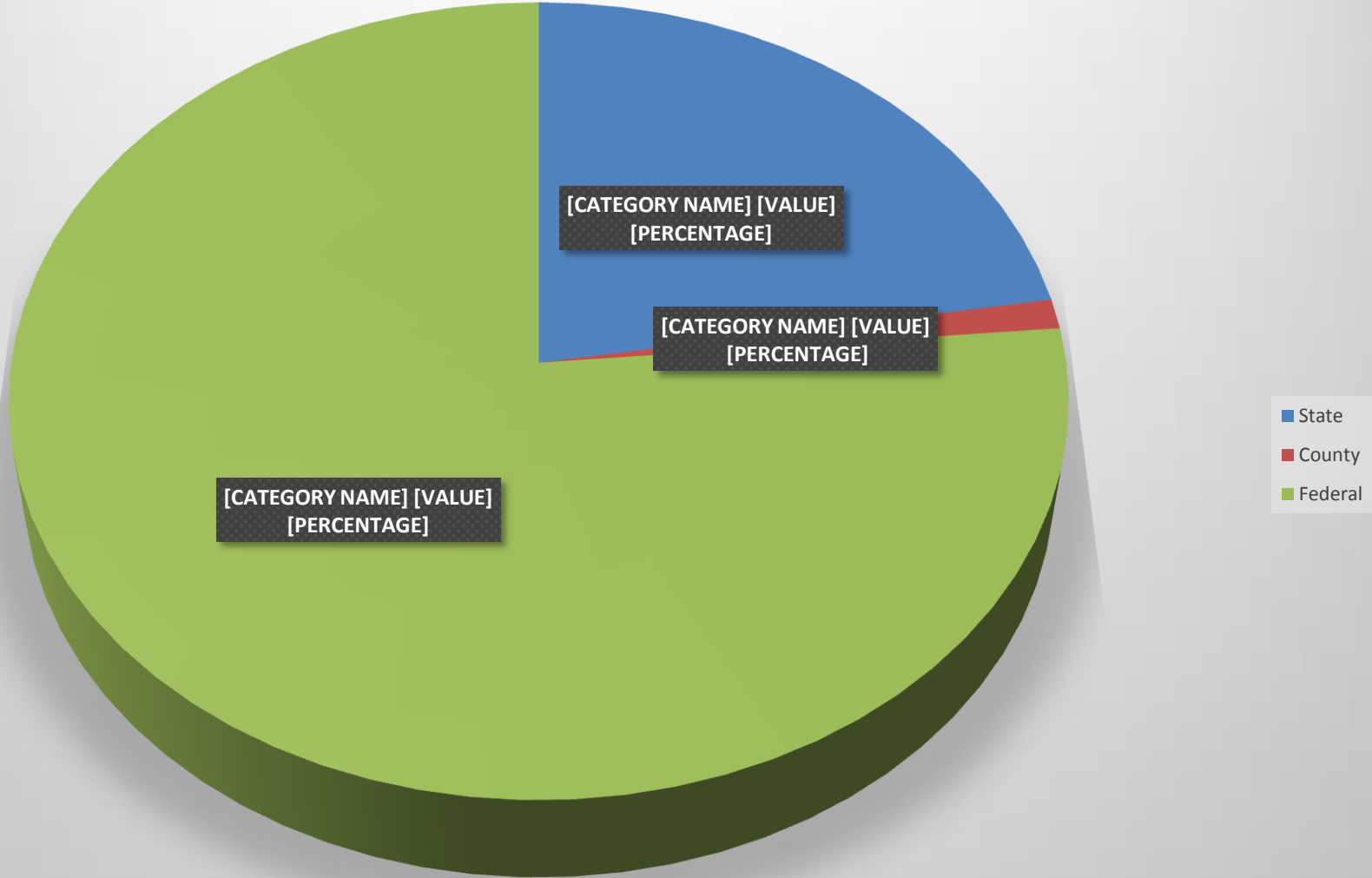
Per Capita Caps

DODD Medicaid Baseline Budget

Total: \$2.65 Billion

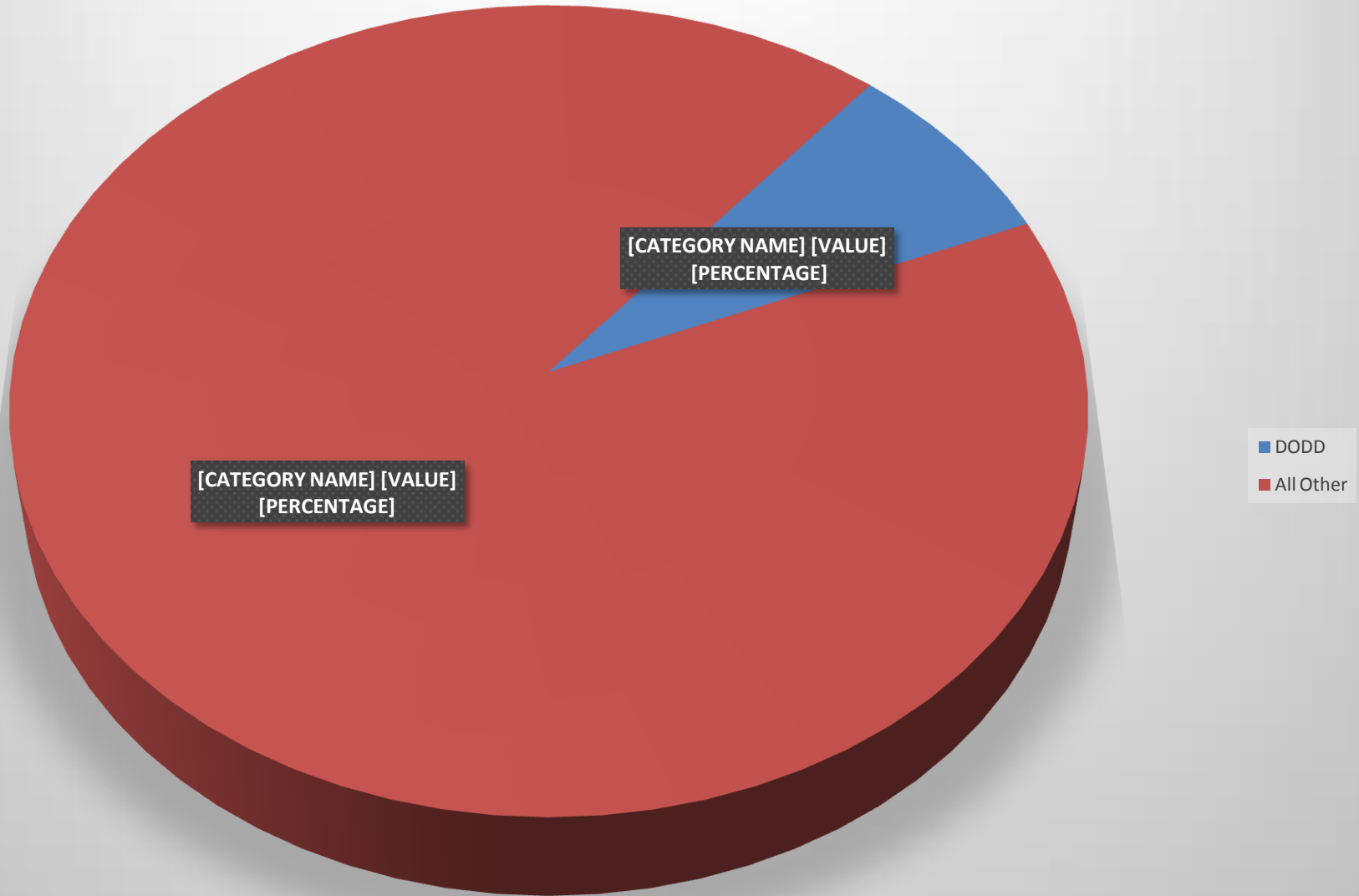


All Medicaid Baseline Budget Total: \$28.6 Billion



Federal Medicaid Baseline Budget

Total: \$21.8 Billion



Block Grant Base = \$21.8 Billion

Per Capita Caps = \$7,267

\$12,000 w/match

Continuing the Improvement of Ohio's Developmental Disabilities System

Two years ago, Governor Kasich, with the endorsement of the Ohio Legislature, made the most significant investment in the history of the Department of Developmental Disabilities; \$286 (state and federal) million new dollars. Much of this funding was used to expand opportunities for Ohioans to live, work, and play in their communities. Ohio's investment has attracted positive attention. The 2016 United Cerebral Palsy report, entitled the Case for Inclusion, ranks Ohio 16th in the nation for community inclusion and integration.

Executive Budget Proposal and Impact

The Executive Budget continues to prioritize funding for individuals with developmental disabilities and invests \$122 million (state and federal) over the next two years to further increase opportunities for individuals who want to live in the community, and also provides additional support for ICFs to meet the needs of their residents with the most complex needs.

Home and Community Based Services- Waiver System

The Executive Budget builds on transformational gains made in the last budget, and makes additional investments in programs that support individuals who want to live and work in the community.

Home and Community Based Services- Waiver System (continued)

- *Increases options for individuals who prefer a waiver setting.* Adds approximately **300 new IO waivers** in 2019. Final waiver numbers will be adjusted based on demand.

Home and Community Based Services- Waiver System (continued)

- *Increases options for individuals on a waiting list for community services. Adds approximately **700 new IO waivers** and approximately **300 new SELF waivers** to further reduce waiting lists. Final waiver numbers will be adjusted based on demand.*

Home and Community Based Services- Waiver System (continued)

- ***Increases waiver reimbursement to cover complex care needs.*** Individuals who are dependent in all areas of daily living, require a workforce that is stable and well trained to meet their everyday needs and maximize their quality of life. The Executive Budget incentivizes providers to serve these complex individuals. This will work like the behavior add-on works.

Home and Community Based Services- Waiver System (continued)

- ***Increases wages for direct support staff.***
Direct support staff with two years' experience and 60 hours of training will be eligible to receive up to a six percent wage increase.

Home and Community Based Services- Waiver System (continued)

- ***Ensures safety in delegated nursing.***
Funding will be made available to pay a registered nurse to conduct assessments, provide training, and consult with direct support staff performing health related tasks, delegated by a nurse.

Home and Community Based Services- Waiver System (continued)

- ***Expands cost-saving opportunities for shared living.*** The Executive Budget aligns the rates of the two existing shared living services. While this change adds costs to this budget, it provides long-term savings by creating a rate structure that encourages the use of shared living services, rather than relying on costlier staffing models.

Home and Community Based Services- Waiver System (continued)

- ***Expands technology to support community living.*** DODD is expanding the use of technology to reduce reliance on direct care staff. Currently, 170 individuals with a developmental disability rely on remote monitoring technology, and anecdotal reports indicate the use of remote monitoring has resulted in reduced costs and greater satisfaction from both a health and safety perspective. DODD plans to increase the use of remote monitoring to 600 individuals within two years with support from a \$500,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Home and Community Based Services- Waiver System (continued)

- ***Funds two programs for youth with complex needs.*** In 2016, DODD entered into a grant agreement with a private provider to address growing concerns about youth with complex needs served by multiple state systems, and the need to improve outcomes for those youth and avoid out of state placement, institutionalization in state facilities, and custody relinquishment. The Executive Budget continues funding for this initiative and allows the Department to add an additional provider to serve children with complex needs.

Private Intermediate Care Facilities

- ***Modernizes ICF reimbursement and increases rates.*** The Ohio General Assembly, in the last budget required DODD to form a stakeholder workgroup to modernize the system. After consulting with the workgroup, the department made significant changes. Upon enactment of these changes, in the second year of the budget, the Executive Budget will increase the ICF reimbursement rate 2.5 percent in 2019.

Private Intermediate Care Facilities (continued)

- ***Increases ICF reimbursement to cover complex care needs.*** For the past four years the Department has provided an add-on so that children on ventilators could be served in an ICF. The Executive Budget removes the age requirement so when children become adults they will not be discharged to a hospital or nursing home when they reach adulthood.