



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5166.402 Buckeye accounts for participants.

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(A)(1) A buckeye account shall be established for each healthy Ohio program participant. Subject to division (A)(2) of this section, a participant's buckeye account shall consist of both of the following:

(a) The medicaid funds deposited into the account under division (B) of this section and division (A) of section 5166.404 of the Revised Code;

(b) Contributions made by the participant and on the participant's behalf under divisions (C) and (D) of this section.

(2) A buckeye account shall not have more than ten thousand dollars in it at one time.

(B) Subject to division (A)(2) of this section, one thousand dollars of medicaid funds shall be deposited each year into the buckeye account of a healthy Ohio program participant. Except in the case of a participant who is not required to make contributions to the participant's buckeye account, the initial deposit of medicaid funds into a participant's buckeye account shall not occur until the initial contribution to the participant's account is made under division (C) or (D) of this section.

(C)(1) Subject to divisions (A)(2), (D), and (F) of this section, a healthy Ohio program participant shall contribute each year to the participant's buckeye account the lesser of the following:

(a) Two per cent of the participant's annual countable family income;

(b) Ninety-nine dollars.

(2) A participant's contributions to the participant's buckeye account may be made in monthly installments. A monthly installment payment shall be considered an initial contribution.

(D)(1) Subject to division (D)(2) of this section, the following may make contributions to a healthy



Ohio program participant's buckeye account on the participant's behalf:

(a) The participant's employer, but only up to fifty per cent of the contributions the participant is required to make;

(b) A not-for-profit organization, but only up to seventy- five per cent of the contributions the participant is required to make;

(c) The managed care organization that offers the health plan in which the participant enrolls under the healthy Ohio program, but both of the following apply to such contributions:

(i) They shall be used only to pay the costs for the participant to participate in a health-related incentive available under the health plan, such as completion of a risk assessment or participation in a smoking cessation program.

(ii) They cannot reduce the amount the participant is required to contribute.

(2) Contributions made on a participant's behalf under divisions (D)(1)(a) and (b) of this section shall be coordinated in a manner so that the participant makes at least twenty-five per cent of the contributions the participant is required to make.

(E) Except in the case of a healthy Ohio program participant who is not required to make contributions to the participant's buckeye account, a participant shall not begin to receive benefits under the healthy Ohio program until the initial contribution to the participant's buckeye account is made under division (C) or (D) of this section.

(F)(1) The following portion of the amount that remains in a healthy Ohio program participant's buckeye account at the end of a year shall carry forward in the account for the next year:

(a) If the participant satisfies requirements regarding preventative health services established in rules authorized by section 5166.409 of the Revised Code, the entire amount;

(b) If division (F)(1)(a) of this section does not apply, the amount representing the contributions to



the account.

(2) The amount of contributions that must be made to a participant's buckeye account for a year shall be reduced by the amount that is carried forward under division (F)(1) of this section. If the amount carried forward is at least the amount of contributions that division (C) of this section requires for that year, no contributions are required to be made for the participant that year.

(G) A buckeye account shall be used only for the following:

(1) To pay for the expenses for which a healthy Ohio program debit swipe card may be used as specified in division (A) of section 5166.403 of the Revised Code;

(2) Other purposes authorized by rules adopted under section 5166.409 of the Revised Code.

(H) The department of medicaid shall provide for a healthy Ohio program participant to receive monthly statements showing the current amount in the participant's buckeye account and the previous month's expenditures from the account. The statement shall specify how much of the amount in the participant's buckeye account is the core portion and how much is the noncore portion. The department may arrange for the statements to be provided in an electronic format.