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John R. Kasich, Governor  
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## >>> Governor Kasich Protects Health Coverage, Signs SFY 2018-19 Budget

Late Friday, Gov. John R. Kasich signed into law [FY 2018-2019 state budget](#) that protects health care coverage for Ohioans with mental illness, drug addiction and chronic illness while also cutting the state share of Medicaid spending 20 percent in 2018 and holding the rate of growth in per member spending below 2 percent each year.

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