



costs in Ohio. Therefore, any costs or savings would be jointly experienced by the state and federal government.

Local health departments sometimes dispense drugs at the time of diagnosis. If they choose to dispense drugs for a patient's sexual partners, they may experience a minimal increase in drug costs. However, as with Medicaid costs, the bill could indirectly reduce costs if there is a decrease in visits to local health departments and laboratory costs for affected partners. Similarly, if there is a reduction in the number of sexually transmitted infections, there may be a decrease in the number of individuals using local health department services.

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