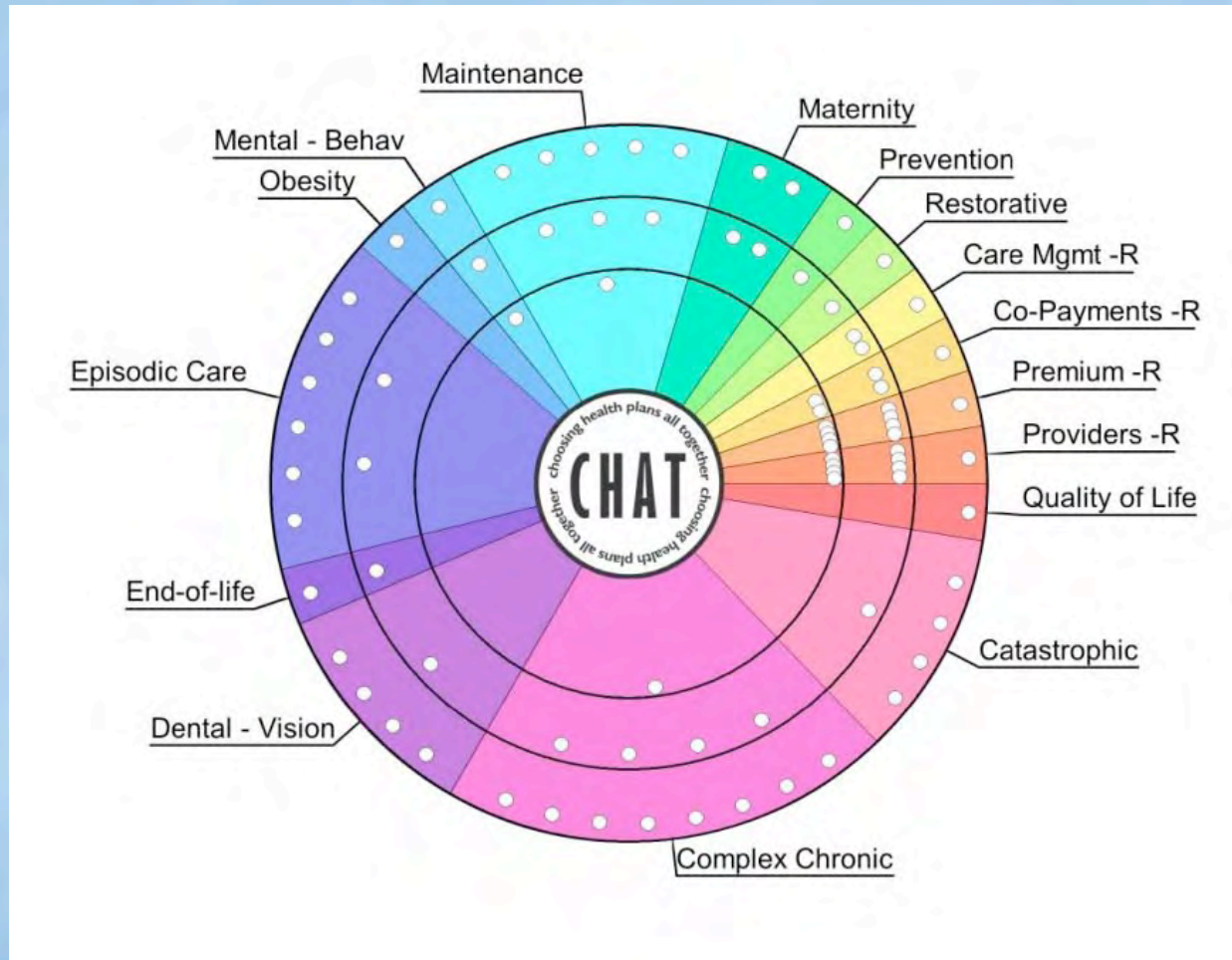


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The tough question:

**What is most important to
provide for Ohioans if we cannot
afford healthcare coverage for
everything?**

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The Challenge:

You and a group of colleagues are responsible for designing a basic healthcare benefit plan. There are many possible choices but funds are limited.

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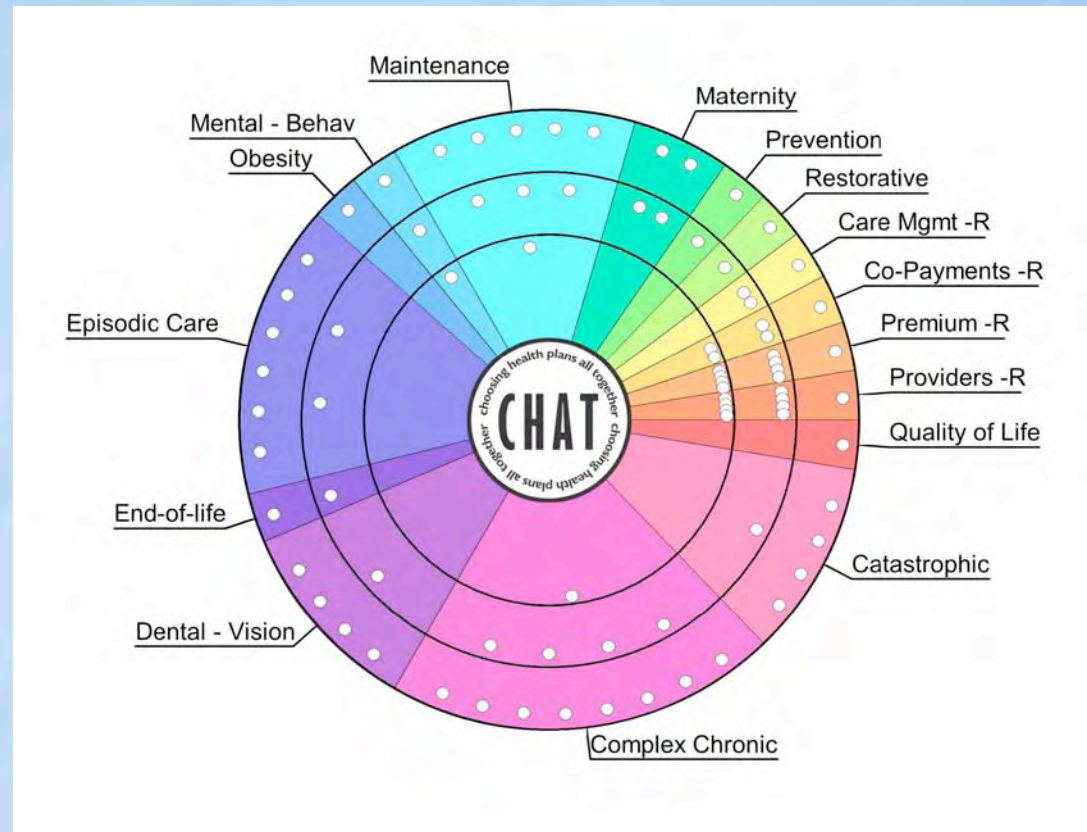
Do you think this basic plan should:

- **Cover the most common medical needs or those most expensive?**
- **Cover infertility? Elective Surgeries? Impotence treatments? Athletic injuries?**
- **Restrict access to costly specialists?**



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Using a computer-based program called CHAT, your group will design a basic healthcare benefit plan.



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- **The Ohio Department of Insurance will facilitate these thought-provoking sessions.**
- **Your opinions will be forwarded to healthcare policy decision makers.**

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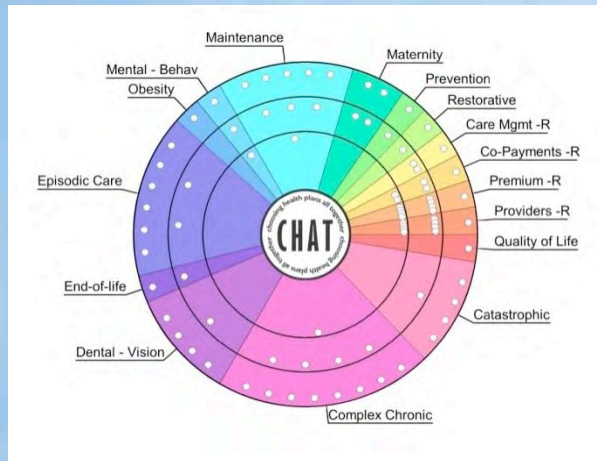


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- **CHAT has been used in the United States and abroad.**
- **Target audiences are the insured and uninsured; community leaders; employees and businesses; insurance companies and agents; providers and hospitals; and government officials.**

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CHAT allows participants to:

- **Examine a variety of healthcare coverage needs.**
- **Set priorities on the relative importance of those needs.**



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- **The group will consider 16 categories of needs representing different aspects of health care coverage.**
- **These include such needs as Complex Chronic, Prevention and Maintenance. Most categories offer additional levels of coverage for an increased marker cost.**



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- **Participants are given 50 markers to spend on a healthcare coverage plan.**
- **The markers represent the price of an affordable benefit package for Ohioans.**



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- **However, there are more options to choose from than markers to spend.**
- **Participants will have to decide how to get the most value from the 50 markers.**



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**A three-hour CHAT session for 12
participants consists of four rounds.**

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Round 1: Your Own Plan

- **Each participant designs a plan of coverage to suit their individual needs.**
- **Participants must consider their coverage needs for the next three years.**



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Round 2: Plan In A Small Group

- **Participants are placed in small groups to design a plan for all Ohioans.**
- **The small group must work together to develop a plan that they can agree on.**



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Round 3: Choosing Healthplans All Together

- **All participants are brought together to develop a benefit plan for all Ohioans.**
- **With the help of a facilitator, everyone is given a chance to express their views on healthcare coverage needs.**



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Round 4: Your Idea - A Plan for All

- **Participants return to create the best plan for all Ohioans on their own.**
- **Participants will have the insight of the prior rounds to design a plan that is fair for all.**



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- **All data is collected anonymously and will be compiled for comparison.**
- **Results will be reported to Governor Strickland and Ohio's State Coverage Initiative (SCI) Team.**

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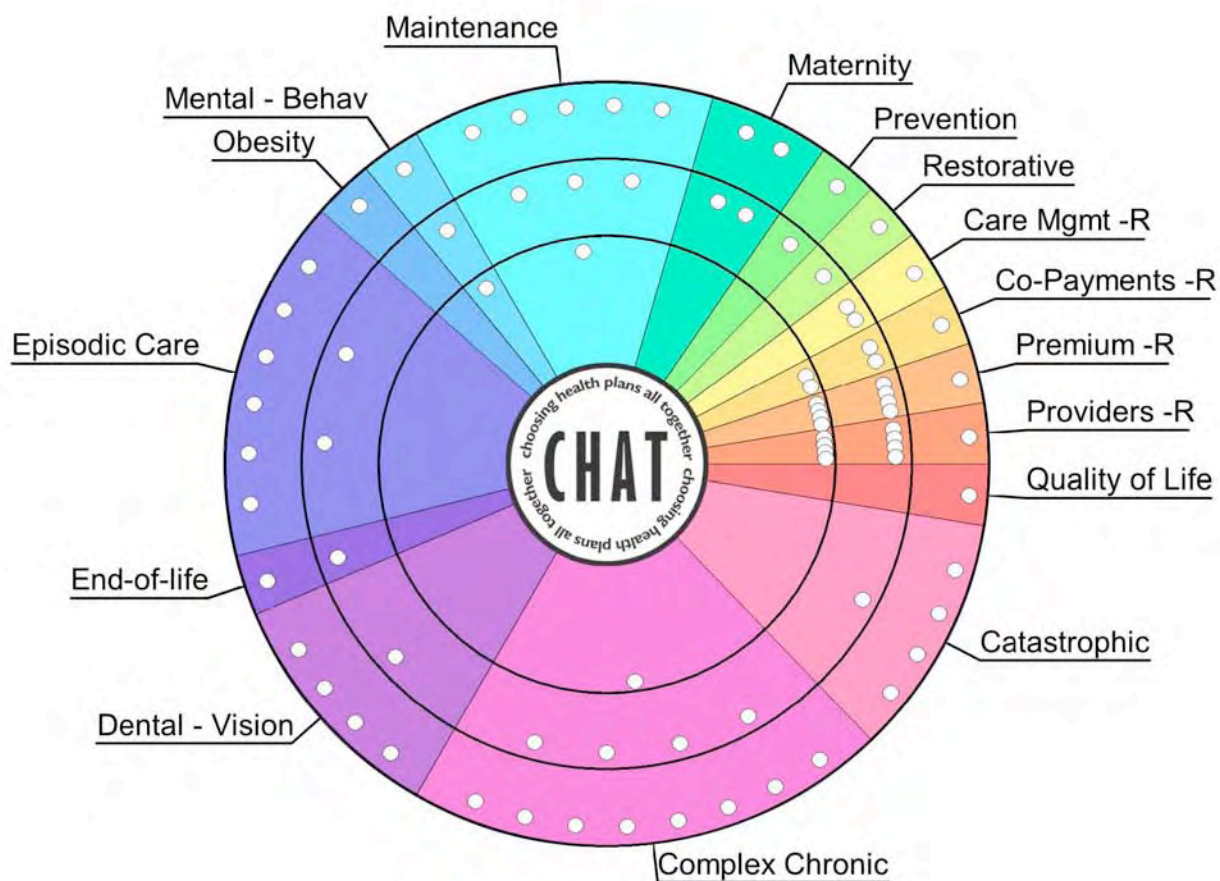
For additional CHAT information:

- **www.sachealthdecisions.org/just_coverage.html**
- **www.healthcarereform.ohio.gov**

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Ohio Healthcare Coverage Reform Goals

- **Provide access to quality, affordable health insurance for every Ohio child and to reduce the total number of uninsured Ohioans by 500,000 by 2011.**
- **Increase the number of small employers that are able to offer coverage to their workers.**



Envisioned Future State for a Healthy Ohio

Ohioans are achieving and maintaining optimal health through personal wellness management and a health care delivery system that focuses on the promotion of health and the prevention of disease. At each stage of life, every Ohioan has access to timely, patient-centered, and efficient physical and behavioral health care choices. All Ohioans have access to primary and preventive services as well as education and opportunities for healthy lifestyles, and the incidence of preventable diseases are at the lowest levels in the nation across all population groups. Services and care are coordinated through widespread use of health information technology, thereby improving health outcomes and delivering effective, efficient and culturally competent health care.

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