

## State taps HPIO to develop population health recommendations

The Governor's Office of Health Transformation, the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Medicaid have commissioned the Health Policy Institute of Ohio to develop recommendations for a population health planning.

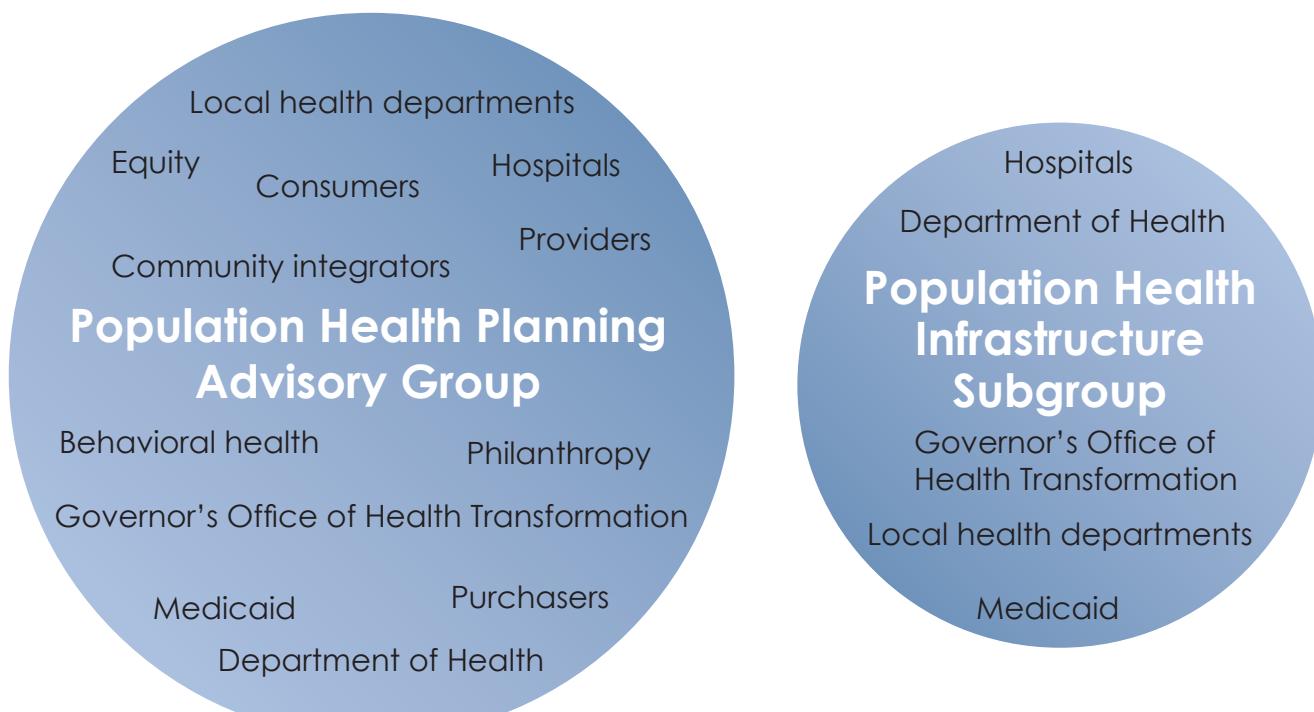
In December 2014, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services awarded Ohio a \$75 million Round Two Model Test grant for implementation of episode-based payments and roll-out of a state-wide PCMH model over a four-year time frame. As part of this work, Ohio must develop a framework for population health planning in Ohio and identify opportunities that maximize the impact of health system transformation activities on population health, as well as on healthcare cost and quality.

HPIO has been charged with convening Ohio's Population Health Planning Advisory Group. This group will discuss recommendations for a framework for population health planning and alignment with the

state's PCMH model. The Population Health Planning Advisory Group will meet four times in October and November.

In addition, the Advisory Group and an Infrastructure Subgroup will:

- Develop draft recommendations for improving the State Health Assessment and State Health Improvement Plan
- Develop draft recommendations for state and community-level population health planning that:
  - Aligns state and community-level population health planning processes, priorities and objectives
  - Provides state and local/regional coordination for implementation of community-based health improvement activities
  - Identifies potential financing mechanisms for implementation of community-based health improvement activities



*A graphic created by HPIO demonstrates the groups and topics addressed by the Population Health Planning Advisory group and Infrastructure Subgroup.*

# HPIO papers detail 5-year history of ACA implementation in Ohio

HPIO has released two new publications that explore the impact of the Affordable Care Act in the state.

The first publication, titled "Ohio and the ACA: A closer look at health insurance marketplace premiums and enrollment," details changes to private health insurance that came about because of the passage of the ACA.

After two marketplace open enrollment periods, Ohio has experienced relatively low enrollment compared to other states. Post-subsidy premiums also are among the highest of states that also opted for a federally run exchange.

The brief explores reasons for



these dynamics and offers a menu of policy considerations to address the issues.

HPIO also released a report detailing implementation of the ACA in the state.

The report is part of a series of 25 state and regional studies commissioned by the ACA Implementation Research Network examining the rollout of the ACA over the past 5 years. The national Research Network -- with 36 states and 61 researchers -- is led by the Rockefeller Institute of Government, the public policy research arm of the State University of New York, the Brookings Institution, and the Fels Institute of Government at the University of Pennsylvania.

# HPIO web page explores marijuana ballot issue

HPIO launched a resource page on its website dedicated to providing Ohioans with a non-partisan source for resources and information about state ballot Issue 3, which would legalize marijuana use in the state.

To visit the marijuana legalization resource page, go to [www.hpio.net/marijuana-legalization-resource-page/](http://www.hpio.net/marijuana-legalization-resource-page/)

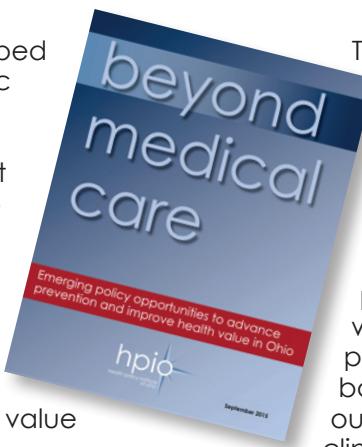
There may be considerable impacts to health policy and health outcomes in Ohio should the ballot issue pass on Nov. 3. The resource page is intended to help interested voters and policymakers understand the policy and health issues surrounding marijuana legalization in Ohio.

"The purpose of HPIO is to provide state policymakers with the information and analysis they need to make informed health policy," said HPIO President Amy Rohling McGee. "In the case of a ballot initiative, the voters are the policymakers and given that Issue 3 is a health policy-related issue, we wanted to make unbiased information and analysis accessible to Ohio voters."

## Series of HPIO publications take policymakers 'Beyond medical care'

In addition to medical care, health is shaped by our behaviors and by social, economic and physical environments. Upstream prevention strategies that address the causes of health problems rather than just the downstream consequences can help to improve health value in Ohio.

To better understand policy options that support upstream prevention, HPIO released a publication titled "Beyond medical care: Emerging opportunities to advance prevention and improve health value in Ohio."



This new report ([www.hpio.net/beyond-medical-care](http://www.hpio.net/beyond-medical-care)) provides actionable steps to improve Ohio's commitment to upstream prevention through a balanced portfolio of health improvement activities both inside and outside the healthcare system. The main report and a series of fact sheets provide policymakers and health leaders with a roadmap to expand the health policy agenda in Ohio to include a more balanced focus on the factors that shape our health both inside and outside the clinical care system.

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