

HPIO study to outline potential impacts of Medicaid expansion elimination

HPIO has launched an expansive study on the potential impacts of the elimination of Medicaid expansion in Ohio.

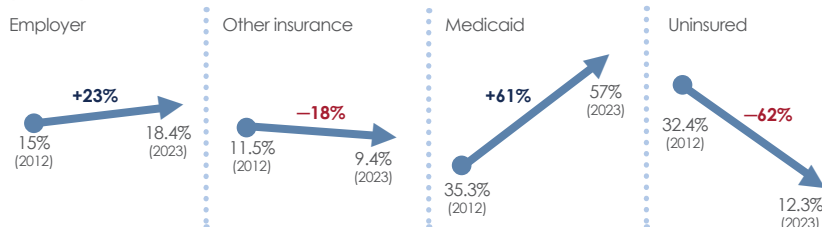
Ohio policymakers are considering discontinuation of Medicaid expansion coverage if the federal government reduces funding for this group.

Since Ohio expanded Medicaid eligibility in 2014, hundreds of thousands of residents with lower incomes – including people who are working, parents, grandparents, veterans and caregivers – have gained access to medically necessary health care. As of March 2025, nearly 770,000 Ohioans are covered through Medicaid expansion.

The federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) and a subsequent U.S. Supreme Court decision permitted states to expand

Uninsured rate has dropped more than 60% for Ohioans with lower incomes since Medicaid eligibility expanded

Health coverage for Ohio adults, ages 19-64, with incomes below 138% federal poverty level, 2012 to 2023



Source: HPIO "Policy Considerations: The Future of Group VIII (Expansion) Medicaid Coverage in Ohio." Data from Ohio Medicaid Assessment Survey

Medicaid eligibility to adults earning less than 138% of the federal poverty level (FPL). The federal government pays 90% of the cost of the Medicaid expansion group and the state government pays 10%. The proposed 2026-2027 biennial state budget (House Bill 96) would discontinue Medicaid expansion if the federal matching rate for Medicaid expansion drops below 90%.

To inform the decision, HPIO is releasing a series of briefs that summarize data and research

on the potential impact of the change (see box below for details).

Last month HPIO released its first publication in the series, titled "[Policy Considerations: The Future of Group VIII \(expansion\) Medicaid Coverage in Ohio.](#)"

This publication provides data and information on the current status of Medicaid expansion in Ohio and includes a series of policy considerations for state and federal leaders.

About the Medicaid study

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HPIO is undertaking a comprehensive, data-driven study to describe how the 2014 Medicaid expansion impacted coverage, access and affordability and estimate the future impacts of discontinuing coverage for the expansion population. HPIO is partnering with two national research organizations, Urban Institute to conduct state budget impact modeling and Regional Economic Partners to undertake economic modeling. The findings from the study will be released through a series of reports over the next month on the impact on:

- ▶ Mental health and substance use disorder treatment
- ▶ Parents and children
- ▶ Appalachia
- ▶ The state budget
- ▶ Health coverage
- ▶ Jobs and the economy

The study is made possible by support from bi3, Interact for Health, Mt. Sinai Health Foundation, The George Gund Foundation, the Harmony Foundation and HPIO's other [core funders](#).

HPIO-convened group releases roadmap for housing, nutrition support from Medicaid

HPIO recently released a new publication titled “**State Policy Roadmap: Leveraging Medicaid to Support Housing and Nutrition in Ohio.**”

The Roadmap reflects insights from HPIO’s **Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Workgroup**, a group of organizations and associations that HPIO convened from across the state, representing sectors such as housing and nutrition service providers, care coordinators, community health centers, health systems, Medicaid managed care organizations and philanthropy.

The workgroup’s recommendations build upon the strengths of Ohio’s health and human services landscape to maximize the impact of Medicaid.

Policymakers and stakeholders across Ohio are considering ways to

support the health and well-being of workers and families while reducing healthcare costs. Research shows that investing in social needs services — such as housing, nutrition and care coordination — can improve health, enhance workforce stability and lead to more efficient Medicaid spending.

States have flexibility to fund these critical services through Medicaid, as outlined in HPIO’s report, “**Leveraging Medicaid to Support Housing and Nutrition in Ohio.**” This State Policy Roadmap builds on that information and outlines actionable next steps for policymakers and other state leaders to leverage these opportunities effectively.

Support for this project was provided by United Healthcare and HPIO’s core funders.

HPIO completes needs assessment for greater Cincinnati tri-state region

HPIO recently completed work on the community health needs assessment (CHNA) for the Cincinnati region.



The Health Collaborative contracted with HPIO to facilitate a comprehensive Regional CHNA process and create the final report.

Every three years, the Greater Cincinnati Tri-State Region conducts a Regional CHNA to evaluate the health and well-being of its 18-counties and identify opportunities for collective action. The Regional CHNA is a resource that can be used by partners across sectors, including policymakers, to increase access to data, guide health improvement, and advance equity.

The Regional CHNA informs the 2025-2027 Collective Health Agenda, which HPIO will be partnering to produce, a regional Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and roadmap to advance health and equity in the region.

HPIO begins work on 2026 Health Value Dashboard

HPIO has begun work on its 2026 *Health Value Dashboard*.

The *Dashboard* puts data in context by ranking Ohio against all states and D.C. Published every two years since 2014, the *Dashboard* contains more than 110 metrics in seven domains.

Work on the next edition began with a reexamination the *Dashboard*’s methodology. HPIO has also hosted a series of workgroups to engage Ohio-based experts in healthcare, business, public health, education, employment, and community and economic development to help tailor and revise *Dashboard* metrics.

Work on metrics will conclude with a final meeting from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on May 14. If you are interested in joining the meeting, reach out to HPIO Policy and Data Management Specialist **Lexi Chirakos**.

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