

## New year, new website

HPIO has launched a new, modernized website ([www.hprio.net](http://www.hprio.net)) designed to improve navigation and organization.

HPIO's mission is to advance evidence-informed policies that improve health, achieve equity, and lead to sustainable healthcare spending in Ohio. The new website will further that mission by enabling policymakers and those involved in the policymaking process to more efficiently access HPIO's vast collection of resources.

The site includes:

- **HPIO work** organized by focus area
- A **library of HPIO data graphics**, featuring the graphic of the week
- Information about **HPIO events**, including recordings of past events
- All **HPIO publications**, searchable by year, author or focus area
- **Facts and Figures**, downloadable, presentation-ready data graphics from HPIO reports for public use
- An archive of all **Health Policy News articles**

## HPIO begins work on next *Dashboard*

Data collection and analysis are well underway for the release of the latest edition of HPIO's *Health Value Dashboard*.

HPIO typically releases a *Dashboard* every other year to coincide with the passage of the state's biennium budget process. Although the last edition was released in 2023, HPIO has made the strategic decision to adjust its release schedule so that the *Dashboard* is complete before the state budget process begins. Future *Dashboards* would be released every even-numbered year.

The 2024 *Dashboard* will be released in April.

## New HPIO publications focus on child well-being

Recent work by HPIO has included the development of two briefs that focus on policies that are likely to improve the well-being of children in Ohio.

In December, HPIO released a new policy brief, titled **Connections between Criminal Justice and Health: Impacts on Children and Families**. The brief explores the impact of parental criminal justice involvement on the health, safety and well-being of children and families in Ohio.

"Incarceration of a household member is an (adverse childhood experience) that can cause serious and long-lasting health and economic harms across generations and for individuals, families and communities," the brief states. "These harms include increased likelihood of children becoming involved in the justice system."

At the same time, according to the brief, "Children need to grow up in safe communities, free from crime and violence, requiring a balance between community safety, family stability and child well-being in Ohio's criminal justice policies."

HPIO has scheduled a **webinar** on the topic on Feb. 12.

On Jan. 31, HPIO will release the latest in its series on **strategies to prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)** in Ohio. The latest brief focuses on promoting positive social norms, such as a shared sense of responsibility for the health and well-being of children.

HPIO has scheduled a webinar on the ACEs brief on Feb. 28.



# 2023 HPIO's year at a glance



**38**  
policy briefs, fact sheets, resource pages, data snapshots and stand-alone data graphics  
(52% increase)

cited or quoted in  
**94**  
media articles



**68,650**  
visits to HPIO's website  
(23% increase)



**874**  
new subscribers to Ohio Health Policy News  
(16% increase)

**6**

forums and webinars hosted with

**1,202**  
attendees



**35**  
presentations to a combined audience of more than  
**2,232**



**1,267** LinkedIn followers (40% increase)

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[www.hpio.net/our-funders](http://www.hpio.net/our-funders)

## HPIO brief, webinar examine Medicaid unwinding

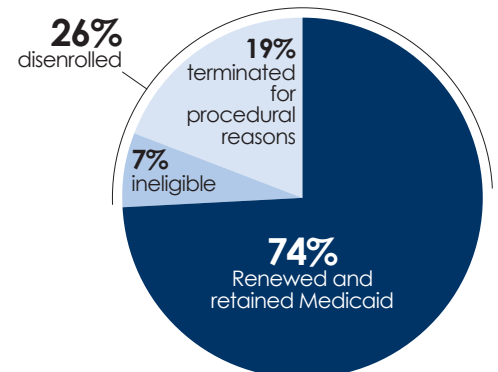
In December, HPIO released a new Ohio Medicaid Basics update titled "**Unwinding of the Medicaid Continuous Enrollment Provision.**"

Early last year, states that accepted additional federal Medicaid funding during the pandemic began unwinding the requirement that all Medicaid enrollees receive continuous coverage until the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency. The brief details the Ohio process and provides analysis of how unwinding has impacted Medicaid enrollment.

As of October 2023, 74% of enrollees with completed renewals are still eligible for Medicaid and have retained their coverage, while 19% were disenrolled for procedural reasons (e.g., the renewal process was not completed) and 7% were found ineligible for Medicaid, as illustrated in the figure to the right. The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) found that, in July 2023, more than half (53%) of the enrollees who were disenrolled for procedural reasons were identified as likely ineligible for Medicaid coverage, according to analysis from third-party vendor Public Consulting Group.

On Tuesday, Jan. 30, HPIO will **host a webinar** from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on the brief. Co-author and HPIO Health Policy Analyst Édith Nkenganyi will be joined by guest speakers from ODM and the Ohio Job and Family Services Directors' Association who will discuss the unwinding process and share updates at the state and county level.

## Ohio Medicaid renewals and terminations, as of October 2023



**Source:** HPIO analysis of Ohio Department of Medicaid monthly unwinding reports to CMS