

Health-related social needs (HRSN) logic model

HRSN Workgroup activities

- ▶ **Build knowledge about Medicaid policy and amplify options for financing HRSN services**, including housing, nutrition and case management services
- ▶ **Identify opportunities and challenges related to Medicaid financing of HRSN services**, including capacity, data and infrastructure needs of local organizations and state systems that could impact the ability to pay for HRSN services through Medicaid
- ▶ **Identify an approach(es)**, Ohio can take to finance a set of HRSN services through Medicaid, increase data sharing, and best practices to ensure access to those services

Other groups and related activities

- Community Health Equity Collaborative, Health Impact Ohio
- Foodbank Champions Team, Ohio Association of Foodbanks
- Housing assistance pilot programs, Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield and Caresource Ohio
- Nutrition Equity Committee, Case Western University Swetland Center

Short-term goals

- ▶ **Educate policymakers and stakeholders** in Ohio about the identified approach(es)
- ▶ **Improve data infrastructure** among local organizations and state systems so that Medicaid billing for HRSN is possible
- ▶ **Increase capacity and collaboration** among local organizations to provide HRSN services to more people with Medicaid coverage

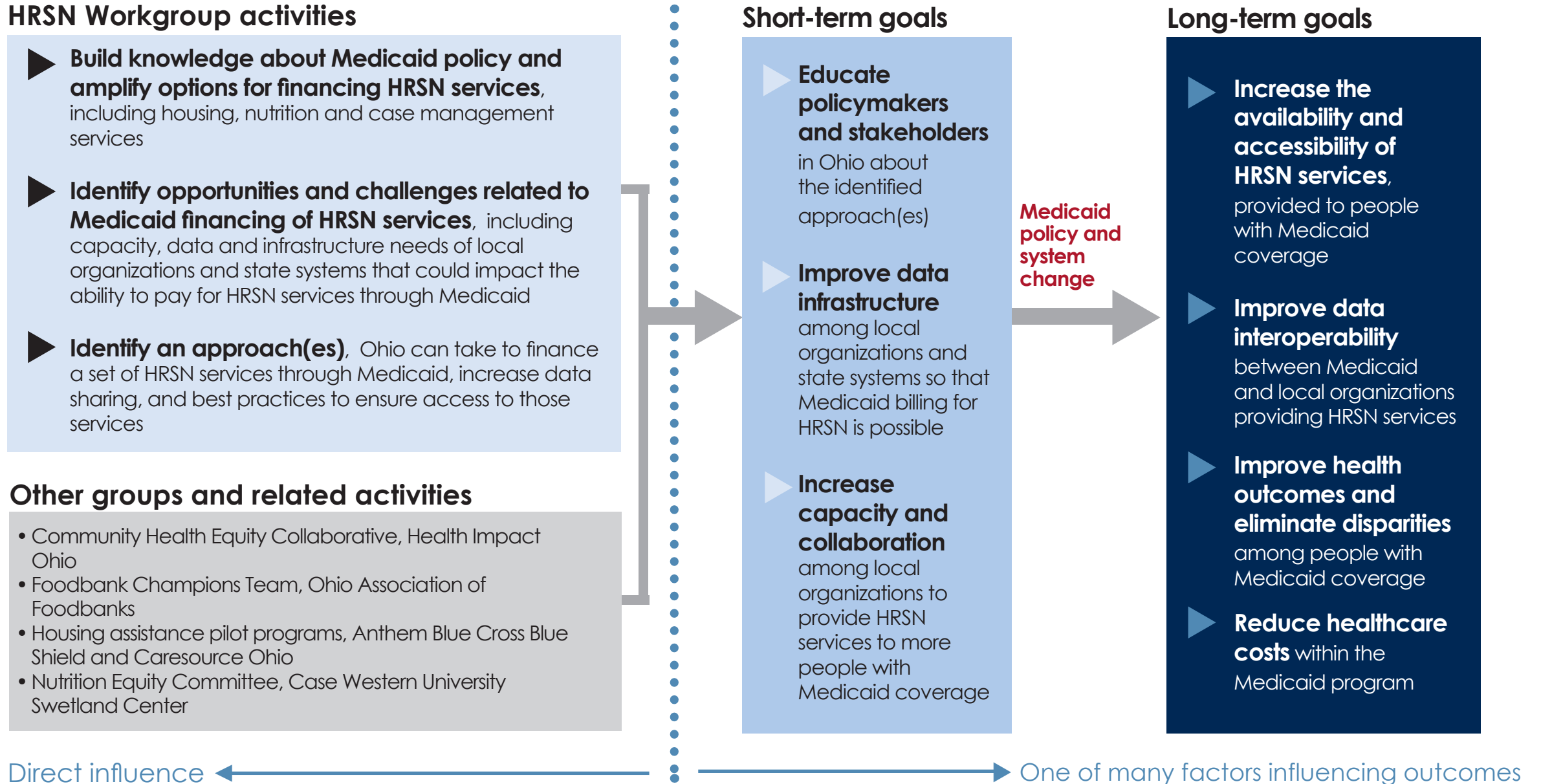
Long-term goals

- ▶ **Increase the availability and accessibility of HRSN services**, provided to people with Medicaid coverage
- ▶ **Improve data interoperability** between Medicaid and local organizations providing HRSN services
- ▶ **Improve health outcomes and eliminate disparities** among people with Medicaid coverage
- ▶ **Reduce healthcare costs** within the Medicaid program

Medicaid policy and system change

Direct influence ←

→ One of many factors influencing outcomes



Definitions

- ▶ **Health-related social needs (HRSN)** are the social, economic and physical environment conditions, such as housing, healthy food access, transportation and employment, that either enable or hinder opportunities for good health.
- ▶ **Federal guidance on paying for HRSN services.** The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have issued guidance to state Medicaid programs on coverage options for HRSN services, including a specified set of 15 housing and nutrition services.* To be approved for coverage by CMS, these services must be clinically appropriate, evidence-based and tailored to meet the needs of people with Medicaid coverage.

* Examples include nutrition prescriptions, home remediations and case management services for access to housing and nutrition services. A complete list is available in guidance from CMS.