

HPIO continues informing policymakers about Medicaid

As policymakers have continued in recent months to weigh the decision of expanding Medicaid eligibility in Ohio, the Health Policy Institute of Ohio has created additional resources to its page dedicated to the program at www.hpio.net/medicaid.

Among the latest additions are a brief from the

Ohio Medicaid Expansion Study titled **County-level analysis part 2: Local economic impact on employment and general sales tax revenues** (<http://bit.ly/10AAaCk>) The brief focuses on projected new employment and new local general sales tax revenues due to Medicaid expansion.

In recent months the Expansion Study, a partnership between HPIO, the Ohio State University, the Urban Institute and Regional Economic Models, Inc., have released a number of publications highlighting its independent analysis of the likely impact of Medicaid expansion on Ohio. The research is funded by the Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati, the Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation and the George Gund Foundation.

As the conversation on Medicaid expansion has unfolded, questions have been asked about the quality of care offered by the program. To assist policymakers in understanding that aspect of the debate, HPIO has created a **Medicaid outcomes matrix** (<http://bit.ly/Z3oloQ>) of recent studies showing the health outcomes of individuals enrolled in Medicaid.

Finally, HPIO in March released **Ohio Medicaid Basics 2013** (<http://bit.ly/YfUaHl>). Published every two years to coincide with the state budget process, Ohio Medicaid Basics provides an expansive overview of the Medicaid program in Ohio, broken down into easy-to-follow sections.

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The impact of Medicaid expansion on Ohio

Among the findings of the Ohio Medicaid Expansion Study analysis are that:

- Expansion would create savings and new revenue that would exceed the cost to the state, resulting in an additional estimated \$1.8 billion to \$1.9 billion in net fiscal gain in the nine-year period between 2014 and 2022
- An additional 430,000 uninsured Ohioans would gain health coverage because of the expansion by 2017
- All 88 counties would realize a drop in uninsured rate, an increase in tax revenue and an increase in employment because of an expansion



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Keynote Speaker: Brian McGowan, PhD “Leveraging social learning networks and technologies for quality improvement in healthcare”

Over the past decade, social networks, such as Facebook and Twitter, have evolved significantly. However, these channels have failed to gain much, if any, traction within healthcare as a vehicle to tackle variability in care and to promote greater dissemination and adoption of best practices. In this session, Dr. Brian McGowan, consultant and research scientist, will introduce the concept of SocialQI, leveraging social learning technologies and social networks to drive quality improvement. He will review existing data on the meaningful use of social learning technologies in healthcare and highlight new evidence that health professional networks can have dramatic positive impacts on healthcare quality.

Other panel topics include:

- **Predictive analytics and decision support for improving patient care**
- **Applying behavioral economics to end of life decisions**
- **What public health can learn from the community development sector**
- **Patient safety: lessons learned from the nuclear power industry**
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HPIO forum to introduce Health Impact Assessment concept

Health Impact Assessment (HIA) is an emerging practice that aims to enhance the positive health impacts of public policy decisions and development projects and to eliminate, reduce, or mitigate negative impacts on health.

HPIO, the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, the Cincinnati Health Department, Columbus Public Health and Human Impact Partners are hosting this introductory session on how HIA can be effectively used to improve state and local policy-making. The event will take place from **8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on June 13 at Columbus Public Health**, 240 Parsons Ave. Columbus, OH 43215. The \$10 registration fee for the event includes lunch and a light breakfast. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.cvent.com/d/wcq53r/1Q>