

Ohio's Uninsured Rate Drops, Medicaid Coverage Works

On August 19, the Ohio Departments of Medicaid and Health joined the Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center to announce the results of the 2015 Ohio Medicaid Assessment Survey. The survey's findings illustrate dramatic recent improvements in Ohio's health care landscape.

- Half of Ohio's adult Medicaid enrollees or their spouses work, and another 30 percent are individuals living with disabilities.
- In the expansion group, 55 percent of men and 56 percent of women are employed or have a spouse who works.
- Ohio's uninsured rate has been cut in half, from 17.3 percent in 2012 to 8.7 percent today.
- The rate of uninsured children in Ohio also has been cut in half, from 4.7 percent in 2012 to 2.0 percent in 2015. Medicaid eligibility for children has not changed, but aggressive enrollment efforts have resulted in Medicaid covering 46.1 percent of insured children, up from 42 percent in 2012.
- The rate of employer-sponsored insurance has remained constant since 2010, with nearly 55 percent of Ohioans covered through an employer.
- Compared to three years ago, fewer survey respondents cited issues in accessing health care services.
- Ohioans were more likely to enroll in the expansion group if they had health needs (70 percent of the expansion group report being in "good" to "excellent" health compared to the group that is potentially eligible but not enrolled that gave the same response 77 percent of the time).

The Ohio Medicaid Assessment Survey provides the health care data necessary to measure the impact of health care reform over time, and specifically for the efficient administration of the Ohio Medicaid program. It represents a partnership among Ohio's colleges and universities, state and local government, and private sector organizations to provide health services research expertise and assist in improving the health of Ohio's Medicaid and Medicaid-eligible population.