



# 2018 Ohio Medicaid Group VIII Assessment, Research Team:

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## Research Team: The Ohio Medicaid 2018 Group VIII Assessment

The Ohio Medicaid 2018 Group VIII Assessment Research Team (G-VIII RT) is comprised of multiple academic and applied researchers holding representation throughout the State of Ohio and in North Carolina, via the Research Triangle Institute (RTI), International. Headed by the Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Research Center (GRC), selection to the Research Team was based upon academic and applied research expertise in the areas of health systems, population health, quantitative methodology, survey methods, statistical methods, instrumental data methods, qualitative methods, health policy, health economics, medical/clinical care, preventive medicine, and data gathering techniques. The following individuals participated in the Ohio Medicaid 2018 Group VIII Assessment Research Team:

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## 2018 Group VIII Study Description, August 2018

- **The 2018 Group VIII Assessment is the largest state-specific repeated multimode primary data collection study in the country.** The 2018 G-VIII Assessment tracks changes in G-VIII enrollees' physical, mental, and socioeconomic benefit directly and indirectly related to Medicaid coverage. The benefit of better health, mental health, and relief of stress due to socioeconomic burden (e.g., housing, food, clothing, transportation) has remained consistent.
- **The conceptual study design of the 2018 Group VIII Assessment was based upon the 2016 Group VIII Assessment and informed by peer-reviewed literature and other state's studies of Medicaid expansion.** The research team studied 83 recent journal articles and texts examining the conceptual framework and topics for the 2018 Group VIII Assessment. The conceptual development for the survey, administrative data, biometric, qualitative aspects of the study were guided by independent academic and applied researchers from The Ohio State University, Ohio University, Wright State University, and the Research Triangle Institute (RTI), International. Independent review was provided by researchers from the University of Minnesota, Bowling Green State University, the University of Michigan, the University of California at Los Angeles, and Princeton University. Pretesting of the survey and the qualitative data collection was performed via telephone interview pilot testing and qualitative cognitive reviews with G-VIII enrollees not included in the study.
- **The sample strategy for the 2018 G-VIII was robust and met standard survey sampling, administrative data, and qualitative interview guidelines.** All strata within the 2018 G-VIII Survey exceeded the statistical minimum sample size of  $n=352$  per strata – the minimum sample needed for inferential analyses. The biometric analyses of 313 survey participants met the criteria for verification of the 2018 Group VIII Survey and afforded additional interpretation to the Medicaid Administrative data analyses ( $n=1,263,038$ ). The 27 semi-structured interviews enabled nuanced interpretation of quantitative findings. Study sample construction, data collection, and data weighting adhered to the American Association of Public Opinion Research standards ([https://www.aapor.org/Standards-Ethics/Standard-Definitions-\(1\).aspx](https://www.aapor.org/Standards-Ethics/Standard-Definitions-(1).aspx)).
- **The 2018 Group VIII Assessment is the only Medicaid expansion study to use a multimode design to analytically compare the continuously enrolled Group VIII to those Group VIII enrollees who churn, are disenrolled and who are enrolled in Medicaid through non-Group VIII eligibility criteria.** A particular strength of the 2018 Group VIII Assessment is the module approach to the survey instrument that enables comparisons among 4 subpopulations. These subpopulations were determined via eligibility criteria and enrollment status.

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- **The 2018 Group VIII Assessment Research Team consists of 20 members who hold faculty and researcher positions from 5 entities. These members are responsible for over 1,000 peer-reviewed publications and presentations, with many holding national and journal editorial committee assignments in the health and human services fields.** The expertise of these committee members include Medicaid research, health services research, health economics, health care policy, health care law, epidemiology, survey research methods, biostatistics and statistics, social science research, medical research, mental health research, pharmacy, data analytics, public health, rural health, demographics, qualitative methods, and health care administration.