A Catalyst for Health Services Research

For decades, University of Michigan health services researchers have helped lead the nation in studies of health care delivery, quality, patient behavior, provider practice, safety, regulation, reform, economics, and equity.

Our new institute unites more than 460 of these faculty, and their teams, for the first time. And the sum is even greater than its parts. Here’s why:

• We bring together members of dozens of different health services research groups at the University of Michigan. Together, they hold $508 million in total active grants, and publish nearly 2,000 peer-reviewed papers each year.

• Our headquarters at U-M’s North Campus Research Complex was designed from the ground up to support critical multidisciplinary interaction. It includes formal and informal collaboration spaces and cutting-edge information-sharing technologies.

• We’re closely linked with one of the nation’s top academic medical centers, the University of Michigan Health System, and one of its leading veterans’ health centers, the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System and its Center for Clinical Management Research. Our researchers test new ideas in these clinical environments.

• We hold the contract to evaluate the Healthy Michigan Plan, the state’s Medicaid expansion program. It has the potential to transform the health of poor and near-poor adults, and to serve as a model for other “purple” states.

• Our Data Hub helps our members mine for new findings in a treasure trove of millions of records from publicly and privately insured Americans, through data from Optum, CMS, VA, the state of Michigan and other sources.

• We train the next generation of health services researchers as one of four sites for the National Clinical Scholars Program, the successor to the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program.

• Our members lead 17 state-wide quality collaboratives funded by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. With dozens of hospitals and thousands of clinicians pooling their data for analysis by U-M faculty and staff, these projects seek to improve clinical quality, safety and value in surgical and medical care.

• We broaden the reach of our members’ work by disseminating lay-friendly summaries of key findings, and leveraging news media, social media, expert commentary and testimony, government and foundation relations, and more.