Accelerating research to inform health policy and practice

Established in 2011, the Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation (IHPI) is the nation's largest university-based community of health services researchers. Our mission: to improve the equity, quality, safety, and affordability of healthcare by fostering collaborative research and learning, and sharing evidence with health policy decision-makers.

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Addressing today's most pressing health and healthcare priorities

Our members study complex issues in health policy and practice and respond to urgent and emerging public health problems, including:

Aging & Medicare	**Child & Adolescent Health**	**COVID-19**	**Healthcare Delivery & Financing**	**Health Equity & Disparities**	**Medicaid**
Mental & Behavioral Health	**Opioid & Substance Use**	**Prevention & Population Health**	**Quality, Safety & Value**	**Telehealth & Health Technology**	**Women's Health**

A research community across the University of Michigan (U-M)

IHPI represents a collaboration of 700 faculty from diverse disciplines and academic units across U-M's three campuses, including:

- Architecture and Urban Planning
- Art & Design
- Business
- Communications & Media
- Dentistry

- Economics
- Engineering
- Information
- Kinesiology
- Law
- Medicine

- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Public Health
- Public Policy
- Psychology

- Social Research
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Statistics
- Women & Gender

IHPI also partners with:

32 U-M Collaborating Centers & Programs focused on health services research across a variety of areas.

State-wide Collaborative Quality Initiatives funded by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, many of which are led by IHPI members. These networks collaborate to collect, share, and analyze data on patient care and social determinants of health to rapidly design and implement changes to improve health and healthcare delivery.

Featured work

Healthy Michigan Plan Evaluation

Since 2014, IHPI has evaluated the impact of Michigan's Medicaid expansion on the health of Michiganders, access to healthcare, and healthcare spending in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

National Poll on Healthy Aging

Launched in 2017, and conducted in partnership with AARP and Michigan Medicine, this nationally representative survey examines issues related to health, healthcare, and health policy affecting adults age 50+. Building on the national poll and with support from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund, the new Michigan Poll on Healthy Aging shares insights to better inform policies and practice in our state.

Telehealth Research

IHPI members rigorously evaluate federal and state telehealth policies and programs and study the population-level impact of e-health technologies on healthcare access, quality, costs, and patient experience.

Health Equity

IHPI members' health equity research efforts address inequities at the community, health system, state, and national levels to help inform policy and practice and improve the health of individuals from historically marginalized groups.

IHPI's data-driven research engine

Our research funding

With $1.66 billion in active awards and $221 million in research spending in FY23, IHPI members' health services research grant portfolios represent 12% of U-M's total research volume.

IHPI member research is supported by NIH, CDC, AHRQ, HRSA, NSF, DoD, MDHHS, U-M, and many other government agencies, national and local non-profit organizations, and foundations.
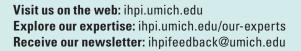
Our data sources

IHPI researchers examine data generated from health insurance claims (including Medicare, Medicaid, Veterans Health Administration, and private insurance), electronic health records, detailed surveys (such as the long-running Health and Retirement Study), and clinical registries. They also utilize datasets related to public health, healthcare quality, and healthcare spending.

Shaping the future of health services research

IHPI prepares faculty researchers, trainees, and students to analyze and inform healthcare policy and practice through robust education, training, and professional development programs, all supported by a vibrant community of dedicated mentors and collaborators. IHPI also offers a Health & Health Care Research Master's Program and is one of six National Clinician Scholars Program sites.

Discover how IHPI's work informs healthcare policy and practice

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