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Strategic Review of the Ohio Department of Medicaid

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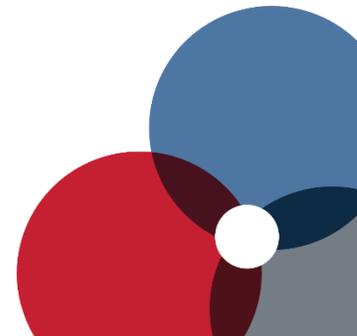
Beneficiary Trends

Category	2011		2013		2015		2017	
	Enrollment	PMPM	Enrollment	PMPM	Enrollment	PMPM	Enrollment	PMPM
CFC	1,631,323	\$ 274.53	1,721,135	\$ 293.29	1,802,880	\$ 302.22	1,756,731	\$ 321.68
ABD*	416,771	\$ 2,093.40	415,777	\$ 2,083.51	426,781	\$ 1,980.26	440,401	\$ 2,049.97
Expansion	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	511,390	\$ 559.26	705,205	\$ 612.88
Other	109,494	\$ 88.22	246,800	\$ 35.68	207,373	\$ 94.34	186,676	\$ 130.58
Total	2,157,588	////////////////////	2,383,712	////////////////////	2,948,424	////////////////////	3,089,013	////////////////////

- Overall population has increased, mainly due to expansion
- Expansion group is at 638,000 as of June 2018
 - Decrease likely due to improving economy/maturation of program
- Annual Expenditure Relative Cost: 1% change in population equals
 - CFC: \$67M
 - ABD: \$108M
 - Expansion: \$51.8M
 - Other: \$2.9M

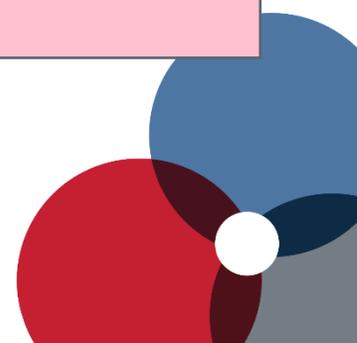
Source: ODM Medicaid Services Forecast, SFY 2016-2017

* Duals not counted in ABD expenditure

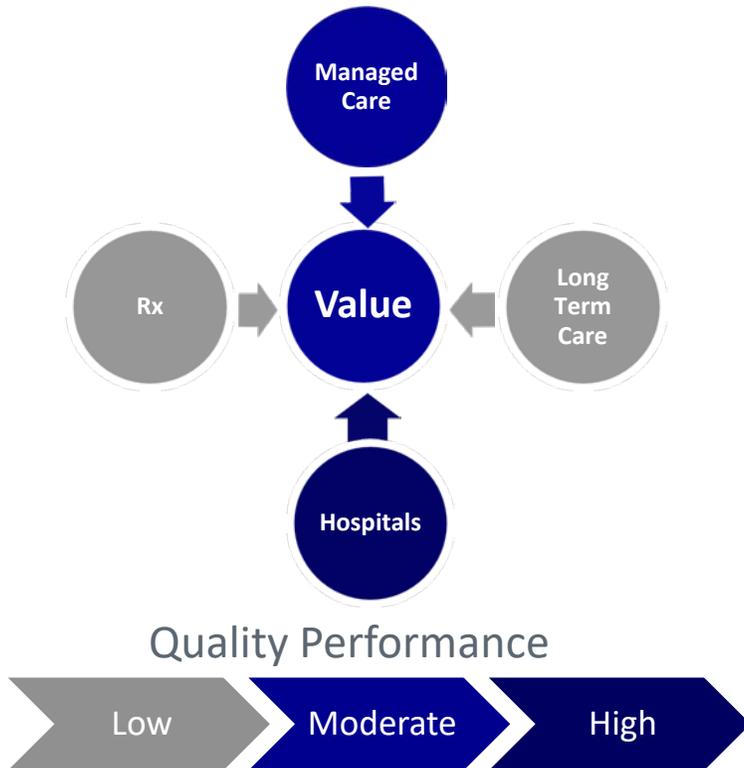


Driving Forces, Policy Trends and Regulatory Environment

	CFC	ABD	Expansion	Other
<i>Driving Forces</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary source of coverage for children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aging population is fastest growing demographic group in the state Significant political interests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Politics of ACA Financing Improving economy has significantly reduced enrollment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uniqueness of populations
<i>Policy Trends</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major focus of managed care policy efforts in HEDIS, P4P and SIM Existing ACOs in Medicaid for children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desire to carve-in Movement to community-based options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal responsibility policies via waivers and law Adversarial federal administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater eligibility processing alignment within special populations More efforts to leverage federal match
<i>Regulatory Environment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Largely privatized Innovation driven by policy, not plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised Code rate protections for nursing homes Movement away from DD Board provider status 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater oversight by legislature More eligibility restrictions and county-based process likely 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complex and varied depending on population



Major Cost Center Value Relative to Other States



Managed Care

- While quality has been getting better, an external review identified that there was improvement needed in preventative health care for children and adults; treatment and management of chronic conditions; and coordination of care
- Only 3.8% of HEDIS measures were above 75th percentile in 2017, nationally

Long Term Care

- Ohio has made significant strides in transitioning to more community-based options
- Nursing facility quality is significantly low and General Assembly has thwarted efforts to increase accountability

Hospitals

- Ohio hospitals rank first, nationally, in 'strong' to 'very strong' in Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) rankings
- Setting is expensive with fragmented community coordination, though SIM presenting significant opportunity

Rx

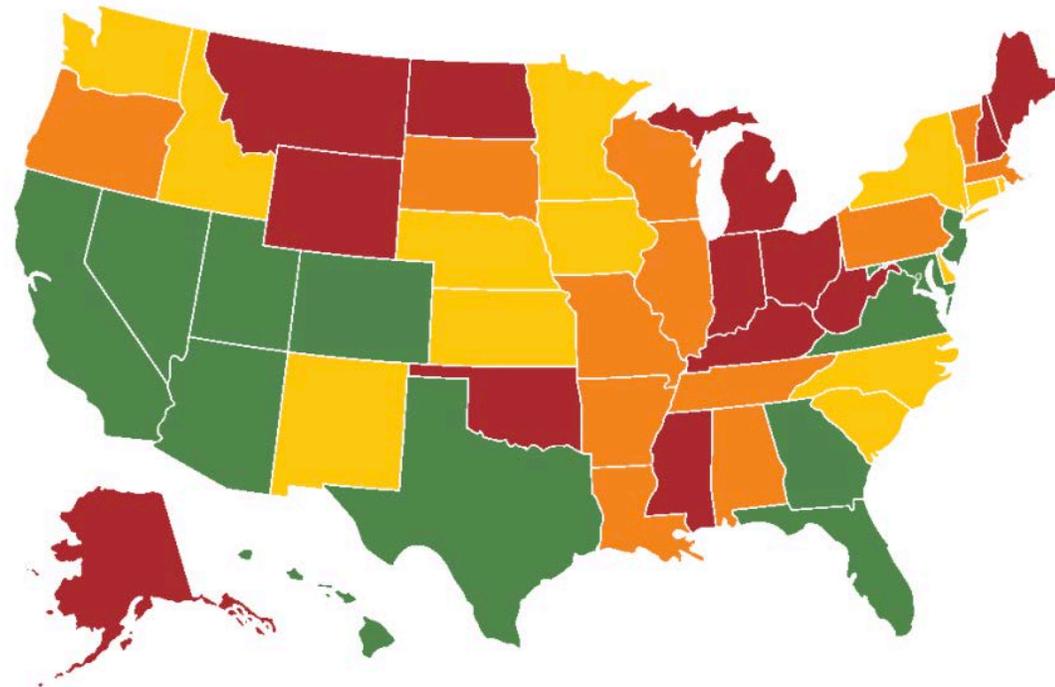
- Ohio has no current efforts to transition pharmacy to value-based models
- ODM recently mandated plans cancel contracts with Pharmacy Benefit Managers
- Rebates are significant, other tools are limited

Managed Care Data: <http://medicaid.ohio.gov/Portals/0/Medicaid%20101/QualityStrategy/Measures/OHSFY2017-LEQR-F1.pdf>

LTC Data: https://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2017/03/ohio_nursing_homes_among_the_nations_lowest_rated_in_quality_of_care_a_critical_choice.html

Hospital Data: https://nhqrnet.ahrq.gov/inhqrdr/Ohio/snapshot/summary/Setting_of_Care/Hospital

Findings On Ohio's Value



Sub-Domains of High Value

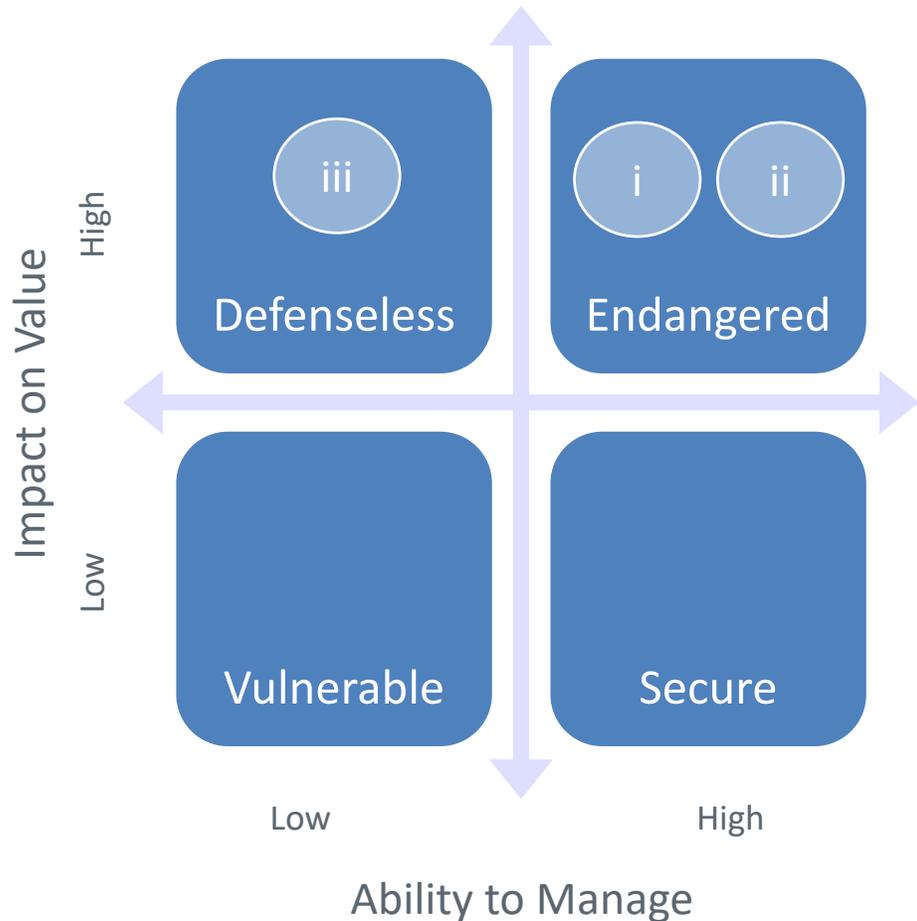
- None

Sub-Domains of Low Value

- Behaviors
- Conditions and Diseases
- Marketplace Spending
- Preventative Services
- Hospital Utilization
- Communicable Disease Control and Environmental Health
- Emergency Preparedness
- Air, Water & Toxic Substances

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Overall

Capability Audit: CFC



i. Social Determinants

- Ohio has significant gaps in housing and food insecurity with deep pockets of poverty concentrated in rural and dense urban areas
- Significant disparities along the lines of race and income

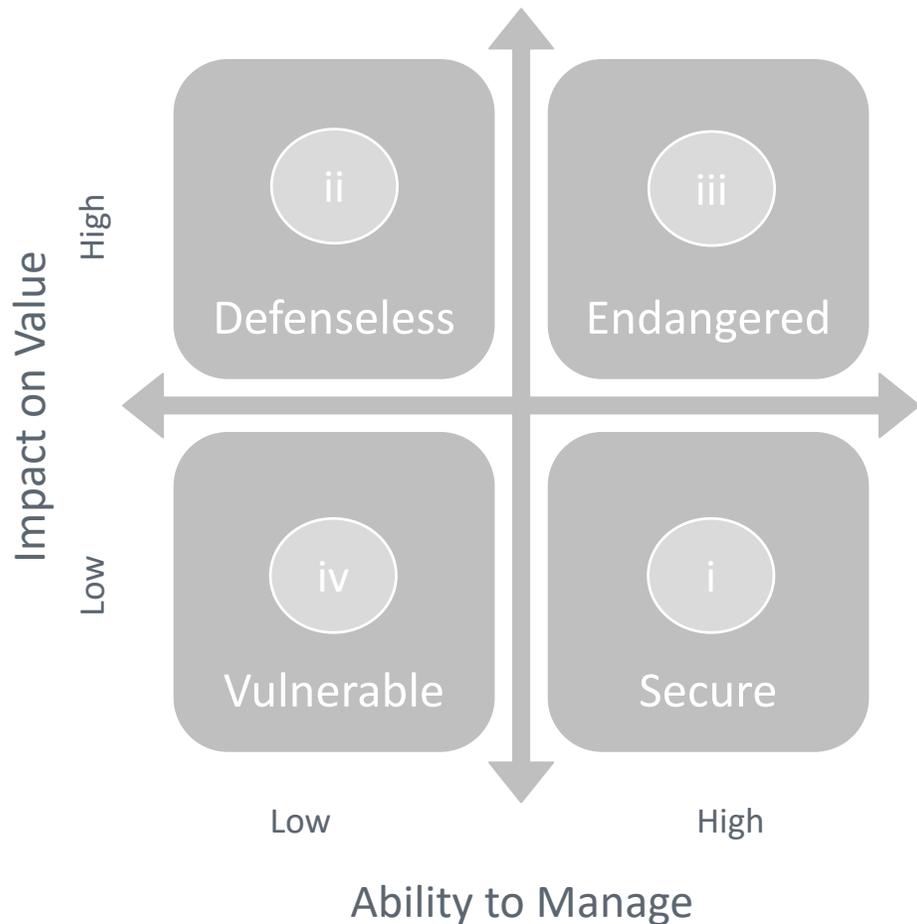
ii. Population Health

- Infant mortality, substance abuse, chronic diseases and individual behaviors all affecting outcomes

iii. Utilization Imbalance

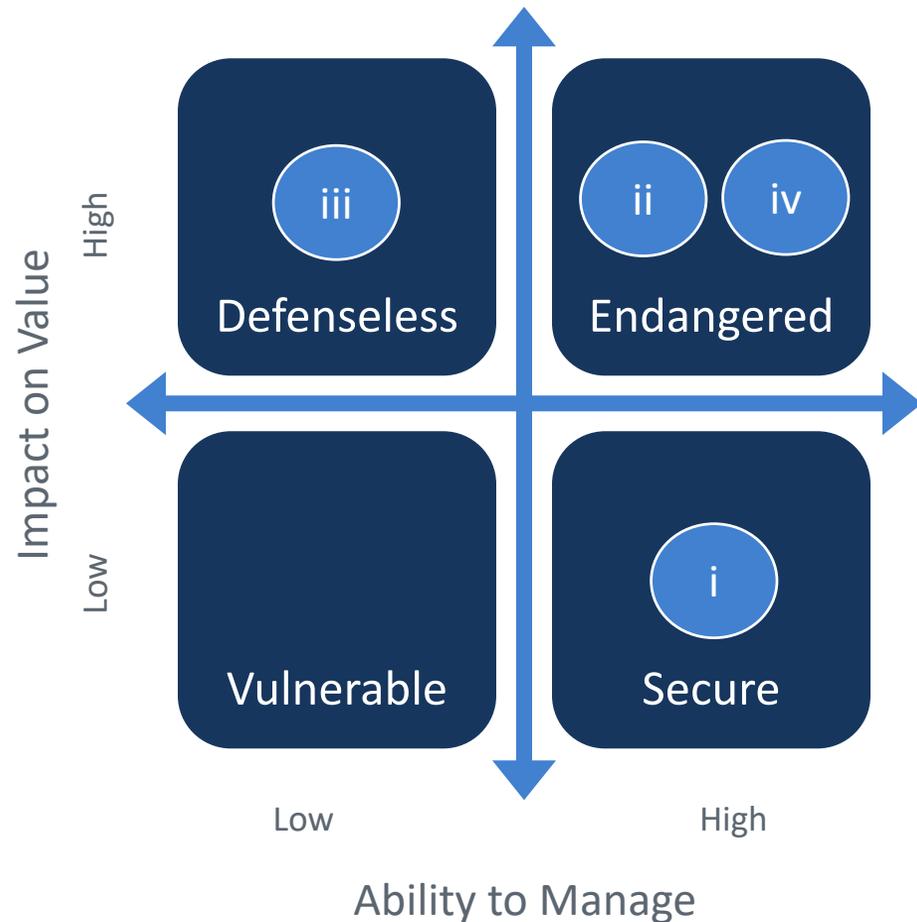
- Preventative services lacking, hospital utilization is high
- Regulatory capture in Ohio is significant, with data on current efforts to transition to value limited
- Supplemental, graduate medical education and capital payments are not tied to value

Capability Audit: ABD



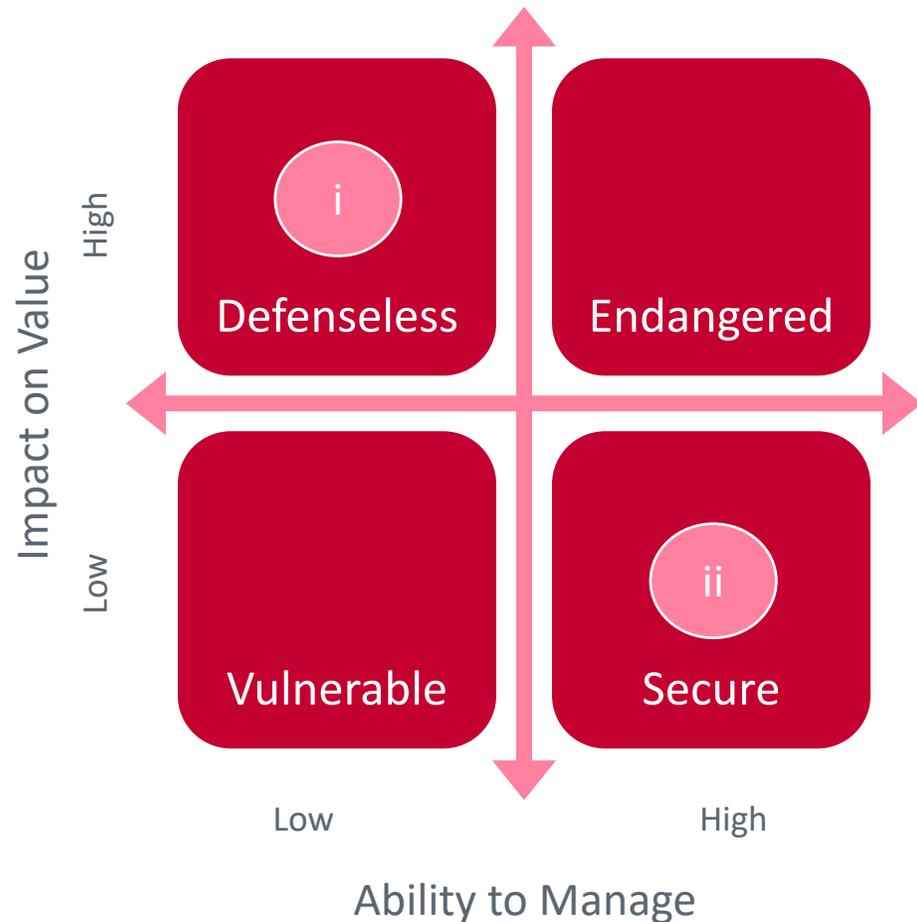
- i. Transition to Community-Based Settings
 - Ohio has made significant strides in transitioning to community-based settings, so improvement may be limited
 - Independent providers remain a cost consideration given Electronic Visit Verification capacity and potential to unionize
- ii. Nursing Facility Reform
 - Nursing facilities are the only provider type to be protected in statute and have no significant regulatory checks on creating value
 - Ohio's transition to MLTSS unlikely and currently disjointed
- iii. Access for Aging Population
 - Fastest growing demographic is the elderly, putting strain on resources
- iv. DD Waiting Lists and Privatization
 - Ohio has increased funding to shorten waiting lists for waiver services though there are still gaps
 - Federally required transition for Boards to no longer serve as providers is disruptive to traditional eligibility and service design

Capability Audit: Medicaid Expansion



- i. State Obligation of Financing
 - Ohio's direct spending for this population is low and will remain low as any law change in federal match ends expansion
 - Population is generally low-cost compared to other groups
- ii. General Assembly Oversight
 - Political environment has destabilized administrative purview over program, notably in eligibility reform through waivers
- iii. Federal Opposition
 - Trump administration opposed to ACA, generally, sees expansion as an opportunity to reconfigure entitlement
- iv. Public Health and Economics
 - Coverage is key factor in addressing infant mortality and opioid crisis, representing nearly 1/3 of all state addiction spending
 - Healthcare is Ohio's second largest industry and rural providers have disproportionately benefitted
 - Expansion has stabilized household income

Capability Audit: Other



i. Federal Block Granting

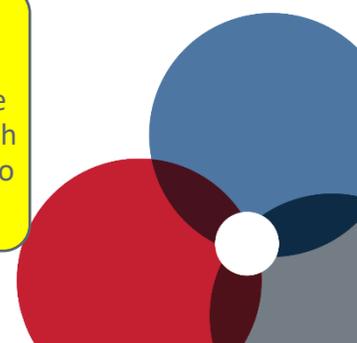
- Due to complex nature of populations in this category, any change in the program, generally, compromises coverage for specialized groups due to complexity

ii. Special Interest Influence

- Specialized populations have segmented interests, meaning coordination is less likely across beneficiary group

Value Transition Analysis

	Demographics & Economy	General Assembly Oversight	Federal Oversight	Internal Capacity	Managed Care Capitation	Global Payment & Risk
<i>Patient Experience & Access</i>	Disadvantaged: Ohio is getting older and it's economic strength is below average	Disadvantaged: Current developments center on restricting access	Neutral: Law is currently stable, though efforts are underway regarding eligibility restriction	Neutral: Claims and eligibility systems have been modernized, though concerns remain about usability	Neutral: Care management experience can be good, though concerns remain regarding utilization controls	Neutral: Utilization controls are centralized, making it less administratively complex, though little collaboration currently between plans and providers
<i>Quality & Outcomes</i>	Disadvantaged: Ohio ranks low in value across the board, particularly in LTC	Neutral: Oversight positively influences direction toward value, though GA is political	Advantaged: Many Ohio value-based programs enabled by federal law	Advantaged: ODM has aggressively pursued policies and planning to highlight performance gaps	Neutral: Managed care outcomes are improving, though not nationally remarkable	Neutral: Evidence in Ohio is limited, nationally it is mixed
<i>Cost</i>	Disadvantaged: Ohio is a high spending state with poor utilization patterns	Disadvantaged: General Assembly has sought policies to limit Departmental management, making spending subject to statehouse politics	Advantaged: Ohio receives significant funding and bind rating reflects those matching dollars	Disadvantaged: ODM has little regulatory tools to affect pricing, particularly in LTC and Rx	Advantaged: Managed care controls inflation though contracting could be improved	Neutral: Global payments make expenditure more predictable, though currently limited to Pediatric ACOs

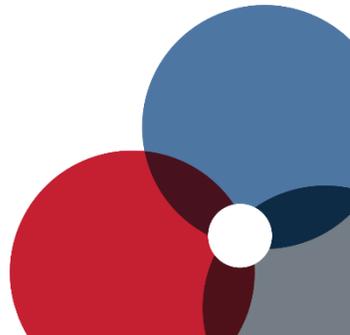


Strategic Issue

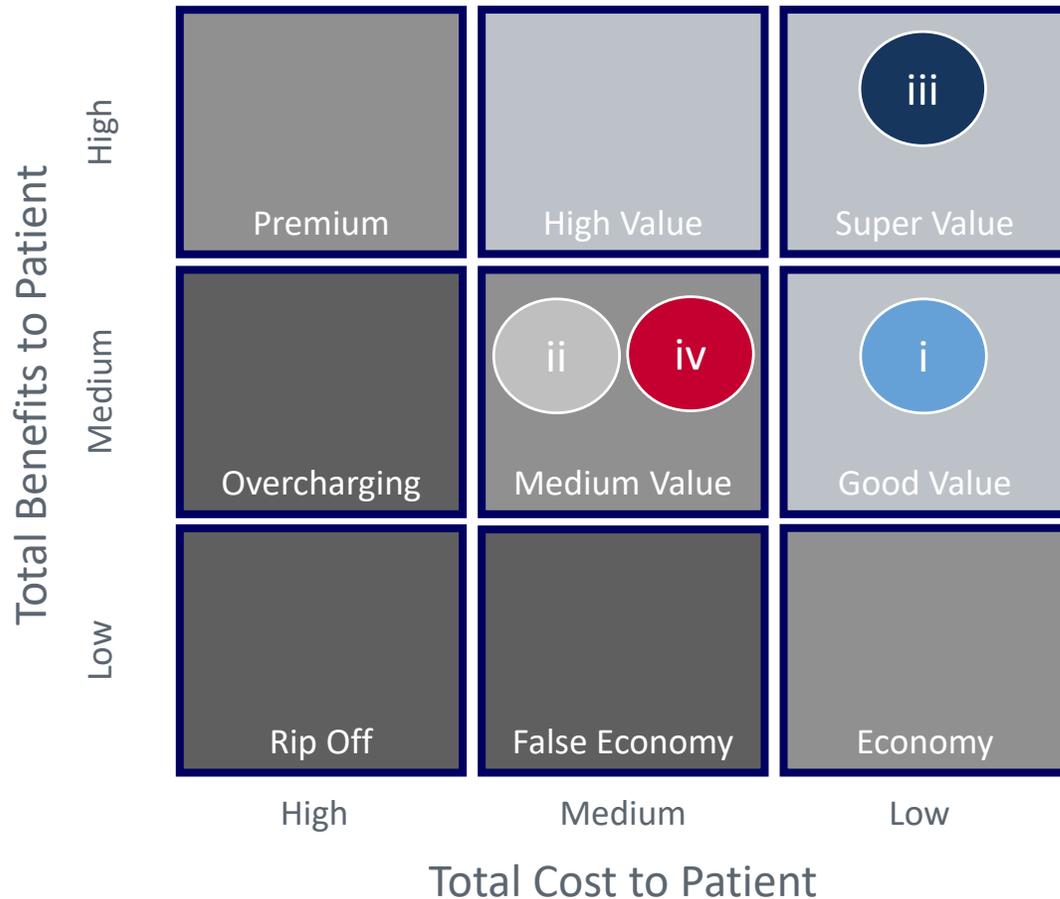
A real, currently occurring, problem that the department has been operating under because it has tried, but not been able, to solve that has either put a damper on performance and/or is likely to cause future financial problems.

THE ISSUE:

The political environment around Medicaid currently centers on access for low-value populations and increasing legislative oversight despite the limited ability of the department to address pricing and regulatory capture by an influential industry.



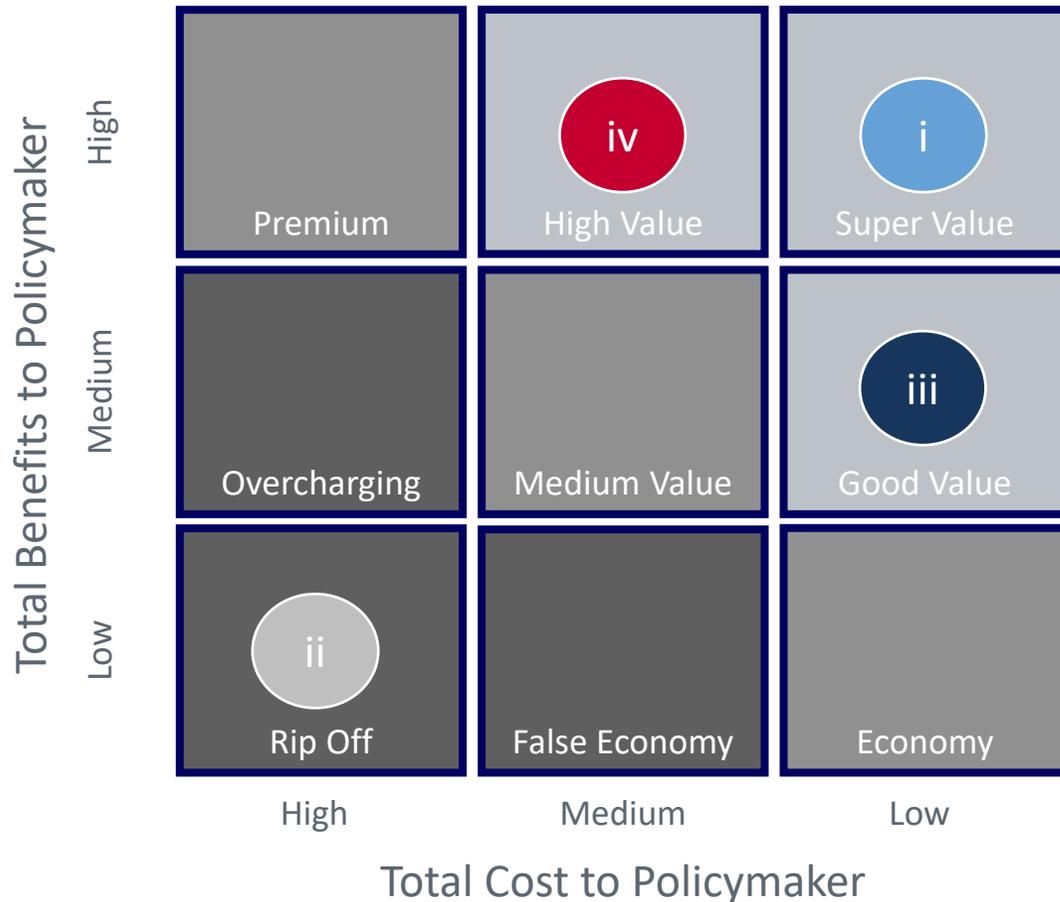
Policy Positioning: Beneficiary Perspective



- i. CFC
 - No current significant cost sharing, but case management success is low in key areas
- ii. ABD
 - Some cost sharing, requirements to meet income standards
 - Benefits may vary depending on access to waivers, provider of service
- iii. Expansion
 - Previous insurance created greater preventative and primary care access with little to no current costs
- iv. Other
 - Population variance changes potential individual cost and benefit design, though it address gaps in coverage of current system



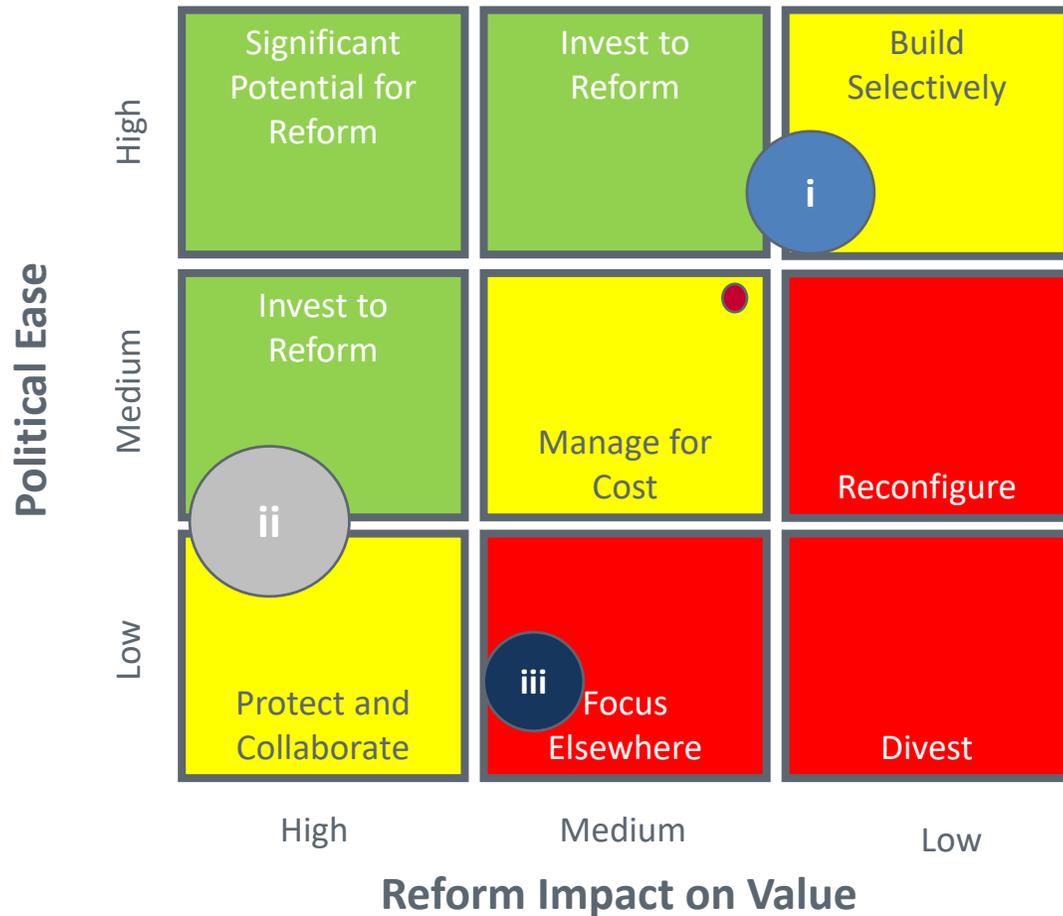
Policy Positioning: Policymaker Perspective



- i. CFC
 - Children's coverage is politically popular and relatively inexpensive
- ii. ABD
 - Costs for population are high
 - Overall quality and demonstrable positive outcomes are low
 - Industry is largely fragmented
- iii. Expansion
 - Depending on district, politics may be very positive or negative, in need of reform or stability
 - Federal financing rate provide significant flexibility for the state
- iv. Other
 - Specialized populations are politically tenable though cost can vary widely



Policy Reform Potential



i. CFC

- CFC does not have many political challenges though is a relatively low cost group, on the whole
- Reform should be incremental and population-focused

i. ABD

- ABD group has disproportionate investment and most complex population
- Political will required to make significant change

iii. Expansion

- Expansion group most politically charged
- Fiscally manageable, reform for value would be incremental, though current focus is on eligibility and cost sharing waivers

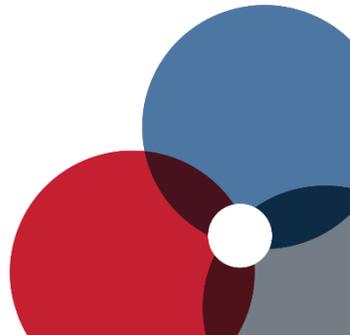
iv. Other

- Political interests varied and specific
- Reform would be incremental and population-oriented, so management centers on sustainability and access



Summary Diagnosis

- Majority of spending, particularly state-based funds, tied to CFC and ABD populations
- Legislature's political conditions, driven by expansion, create desire for more legislative oversight of executive branch, increasing exposure of program design to special interests and legislation
- Ohio is a low-value state relative to other states, with significant need to improve in the areas of population health, disease management and pricing
- Ohio faces significant regulatory capture by industry which occupies key positions in benefit administration and specific regulatory oversight



Summary Diagnosis

- The strategic direction of Medicaid has changed significantly during the Kasich administration with the creation of a standalone Medicaid Department, the creation of the Office of Health Transformation and investments in IT
- Major policy decisions center around increasing access, privatization and movement to value-based reimbursement
- Long Term Care continuum, and services associated with ABD population, have the greatest potential for reform on beneficiary and expenditure levels, something made more urgent given demographic shift in Ohio
- The potential use of waivers continue to threaten access through expansion

