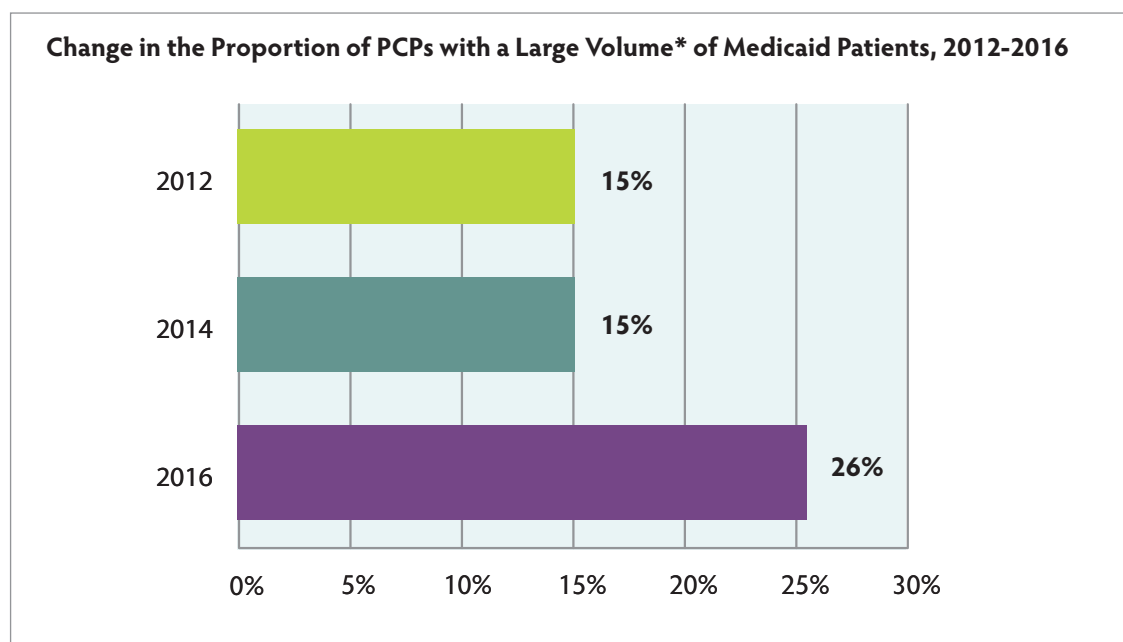




# Changes in Payer Mix for Michigan Primary Care Physicians: The Impact of Medicaid

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After Michigan's Medicaid expansion, the state's Medicaid population increased from 1.95 million in March 2014 (19 percent of the population) to 2.4 million in December 2016 (24 percent of the population).<sup>1</sup> As a result, Medicaid has become a substantial part of Michigan primary care physician (PCP) practices. Data from the Center for Healthcare Research and Transformation's (CHRT) **Physician Survey** show that the proportion of PCPs who reported having a large volume, or greater than 30 percent, of patients covered by Medicaid increased by 11 percentage points from 2014 to 2016. Policy changes related to Medicaid should take into account the breadth of impact on physician practices as well as on beneficiaries.<sup>2,3</sup>



\* A large volume of patients is defined by having greater than 30% of patients with Medicaid

<sup>1</sup> Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, "Green Book Report of Key Program Statistics, December 2016," Dec. 2016, [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdhhs/2016\\_12\\_GreenBook\\_549141\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdhhs/2016_12_GreenBook_549141_7.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Ayanian, J. Z., Ehrlich, G. M., Grimes, D. R. et al., "Economic effects of Medicaid expansion in Michigan," *New England Journal of Medicine*, Feb. 2017, 376(5), 407-410. doi:10.1056/NEJMp1613981 <http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp1613981#t=article>

<sup>3</sup> Jones, C. D., Scott, S. J., Anoff, D. L. et al., "Changes in payer mix and physician reimbursement after the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid expansion," *INQUIRY: The Journal of Health Care Organization, Provision, and Financing*, Aug. 2015, 52, doi: 10.1177/0046958015602464. <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/0046958015602464>

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