

Appendix 4 (as supplied by the authors): Comparison of characteristics of matched Health Link enrollees (n=313) with Health Link enrollees that were not matched and therefore not included in the propensity-matched difference-in-differences analysis (n=31).

	NON-MATCHED ENROLLEES	SELECTED ENROLLEES	SDiff
	N=31	N=313	
Age at Index, Mean ± SD	73.9 ± 18.1	75.6 ± 13.9	0.109
Male Sex, n (%)	10 (32.3%)	126 (40.3%)	0.167
Income Quintile, n (%)			
1 (lowest)	Suppr.	58 (18.5%)	0.176
2	Suppr.	58 (18.5%)	0.100
3	Suppr.	61 (19.5%)	0.179
4	Suppr.	76 (24.3%)	0.119
5 (highest)	Suppr.	60 (19.2%)	0.005
Rurality (RIO), Mean ± SD	10.0 ± 10.9	6.4 ± 8.9	0.359
Health Link, n (%)			
South Simcoe	Suppr.	152 (48.6%)	0.061
Southwest York	Suppr.	12 (3.8%)	0.282
North York Central	Suppr.	149 (47.6%)	0.016
Primary Care Model, n (%)			
Family Health Team	Suppr.	52 (16.6%)	0.105
Family Health Group	Suppr.	115 (36.7%)	0.238
Family Health Organization	Suppr.	97 (31.0%)	0.229
Other	Suppr.	7 (2.2%)	0.208
Not Rostered in a model	Suppr.	42 (13.4%)	0.015
Comorbidity (CADGs), n (%)			
Acute Minor	31 (100.0%)	301 (96.2%)	0.282
Acute Major	31 (100.0%)	301 (96.2%)	0.282
Likely to Recur	29 (93.5%)	257 (82.1%)	0.355
Asthma	7 (22.6%)	45 (14.4%)	0.213
Chronic Medical Unstable	31 (100.0%)	299 (95.5%)	0.306
Chronic Medical Stable	30 (96.8%)	285 (91.1%)	0.241
Chronic Specialty Stable	Suppr.	33 (10.5%)	0.292
Eye/ Dental	Suppr.	53 (16.9%)	0.331
Chronic Specialty Unstable	12 (38.7%)	68 (21.7%)	0.376
Psychosocial	25 (80.6%)	213 (68.1%)	0.291
Preventive/ Administrative	24 (77.4%)	197 (62.9%)	0.321
Pregnancy	Suppr.	Suppr.	0.080

Appendix 3 (continued):

	NON- MATCHED ENROLLEES	SELECTED ENROLLEES	SDiff
Prior Utilization (1yr), Mean ± SD			
Dialysis visits	4.4 ± 24.6	0.9 ± 10.5	0.188
Oncology visits	1.3 ± 5.4	0.4 ± 3.2	0.215
Primary Care visits	43.8 ± 28.8	24.7 ± 20.5	0.766
Specialist visits	101.4 ± 43.8	62.9 ± 46.7	0.849
Home Care services	195.1 ± 207.2	114.2 ± 171.6	0.425
Mental Health hospitalizations	0.2 ± 0.7	0.1 ± 0.5	0.196
ED visits (1yr), Mean ± SD			
1-3 months prior	4.5 ± 4.8	2.2 ± 2.3	0.620
4-6 months prior	3.3 ± 5.5	1.4 ± 2.1	0.462
7-9 months prior	2.7 ± 3.2	1.1 ± 1.7	0.631
10-12 months prior	3.0 ± 4.2	1.0 ± 1.8	0.598
Hospitalizations (1yr), Mean ± SD			
1-3 months prior	2.2 ± 1.3	1.1 ± 1.0	0.947
4-6 months prior	1.2 ± 1.1	0.6 ± 0.9	0.628
7-9 months prior	1.0 ± 1.2	0.4 ± 0.7	0.603
10-12 months prior	0.7 ± 0.8	0.3 ± 0.8	0.478
Total health care encounters (1yr)	364.5 ± 211.5	211.2 ± 181.2	0.780

SDiff = Standardized difference; SD = standard deviation; RIO = Rurality Index for Ontario; CADGs = Johns Hopkins Collapsed Adjusted Clinical Groups; ED = emergency department; Suppr = Values suppressed due to small sizes (N≤5 in one or more cells for variable); Total health care encounters equals sum of prior (past 1-year) dialysis visits, oncology visits, primary care visits, specialist visits, home care services, mental health hospitalizations, emergency department visits, and acute hospitalizations;