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### **Streamlined Benefit Information Guide Will Save State, Counties**

**COLUMBUS, OHIO** – The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) has unveiled a new, streamlined Program Enrollment and Benefit Information guide that will save Ohio taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars annually in printing costs and could save Ohio’s largest counties hundreds of thousands of dollars annually in postage.

ODJFS is replacing an existing, 82-page series of documents with a new, 20-page guide that is smaller, easier to read, and less expensive to print and mail. The streamlined Program Enrollment and Benefit Information guide will save ODJFS \$55,240 each year, a 62% reduction in printing costs. The expected savings for counties is even larger.

“Revising this mailing is a common sense way to reduce administrative costs and provide a better product to Ohioans at a lower cost,” said ODJFS Director Michael Colbert.

The old series of documents cost more than \$3 per packet to mail, adding up to hundreds of thousands of dollars in annual postage for some counties. Cuyahoga County spent more than \$500,000 annually on postage for this mailing alone. The streamlined publication is significantly lighter and will be far less expensive to mail.

The Program Enrollment and Benefit Information guide contains information about ODJFS assistance programs. Federal and state laws require county departments of job and family services to mail the information to anyone receiving food, cash or medical assistance.

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EDITORS NOTE: A picture of the two mailings side by side is attached to this news release and is available on the ODJFS Facebook page - <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ohio-Department-of-Job-and-Family-Services/202612083112272>

