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**Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Launches
Medicaid Provider Incentive Program**

COLUMBUS, OHIO – The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is now accepting applications for a new Medicaid Provider Incentive Program (MPIP). MPIP provides financial incentives to qualified Medicaid providers who adopt, implement or upgrade, and meaningfully use certified electronic health record (EHR) technology.

EHRs improve patient care and safety through system checks such as e-prescribing, which ensures multiple prescriptions written by multiple doctors are safe when taken together. EHRs also save money by consolidating and digitizing a patient’s health information, expediting diagnoses, and reducing duplicative and redundant testing.

Ohio is among the first states in the nation to successfully launch a Medicaid EHR incentive program.

“Ohio Medicaid consumers and providers stand to greatly benefit from the widespread adoption of EHR technology,” said ODJFS Director Michael Colbert. “EHRs can improve patient care, increase safety and save money.”

Eligible health care practitioners can earn more than \$63,000 in federal incentive payments over six years, and eligible hospitals can earn several million dollars over four years if they install EHRs and meet all program requirements.

“This significant investment in Ohio’s Medicaid program lays the foundation for the future delivery of health care in the state,” said Medicaid Director John McCarthy. “Certified EHR systems are essential to the success of health homes, accountable care organizations and other initiatives designed to improve care coordination and health outcomes.”

Medicaid providers interested in learning more about MPIP should visit the ODJFS provider Web site, <http://jfs.ohio.gov/OHP/provider.stm>, and click on “Ohio Medicaid Provider Incentive Program for Electronic Health Records.”