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TO: Prospective Applicants and Interested Parties

FROM: Tom Hayes, Director

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SUBJECT: **REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS - MEDICAID ENHANCED CARE
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is issuing a Request for Applications (RFA) for the delivery of "Enhanced Care Management (ECM)" to certain Aged, Blind, or Disabled (ABD) Medicaid consumers in selected counties. Eligible applicants are organizations, or collaboratives of organizations, that have ability to offer the required services and that agree to meet program specifications for accountability and quality. Applicants that demonstrate this capacity in response to the RFA and during a subsequent readiness review phase will be eligible to enter a provider agreement with ODJFS as an ECM provider.

The ECM program reflects ODJFS' continuing commitment to offer the benefits of care coordination, and its potential to assure the delivery of quality, cost-effective services, to more Medicaid consumers. The focus of this RFA will be certain Aged, Blind, or Disabled population residing in the community but excluding those enrolled in waiver programs. Included in the initial ECM eligible population will be adults with a diagnosis of diabetes, congestive heart failure (and related conditions), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or asthma; and children with a diagnosis of asthma. The service areas included in this RFA are:

Cuyahoga County
Franklin County
Hamilton County

Lucas County
Montgomery County
Stark County
Summit County

Zanesville Cluster (Muskingum, Coshocton, Guernsey, Morgan, Noble, and Perry Counties)

The RFA will be available beginning October 21, 2003 through the following web site:
www.state.oh.us/odjfs/ohp/bmhc/applibrary.stm

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If you are unable to access the web location, please call (614.466.4693) or fax (614.728.4516) your request to the Bureau of Managed Health Care.

The RFA provides detailed information on the eligible population, services to be provided, and provider expectations, as well as instructions for the application process. Every attempt has been made to assure that the information in the RFA is accurate. However, the ECM program is subject to changes and ongoing development under state and federal regulations. Should ODJFS become aware of program changes while the RFA is in process, notices and amendments will be posted at the web site identified above.

Key dates in the RFA application process are:

November 12, 2003: Deadline for Submission of Questions (prior to Applicant Conference)

November 14, 2003: Notification of Applicant Conference Attendance Due

November 19, 2003: Mandatory Applicant Conference
Rhodes State Office Tower, Lobby Hearing Room
30 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio

December 10, 2003: Notification of Intent to Submit an Application

January 5, 2004: Deadline to Submit Applications

Thank you for your interest in the Ohio Medicaid program and your consideration of this RFA.