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TO: Potential Applicants and Interested Parties

FROM: John B. McCarthy, Medicaid Director
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SUBJECT: INTENT TO RELEASE MEDICAID MANAGED CARE REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

DATE: May 27, 2011

The Office of Ohio Health Plans (OHP) intends to release a competitive Request for Applications (RFA) for the provision of Medicaid services to selected Medicaid consumers under full-risk arrangements. Through the RFA process, Ohio intends to select a limited number of qualified applicants to enter into Medicaid managed care provider agreements with the State of Ohio. Eligible applicants will be qualified managed care organizations that best demonstrate the ability to offer the required health care services to Ohio Medicaid consumers and agree to meet Ohio's program specifications to assure accountability and cost-effectiveness while improving access, coordinating care and promoting healthier outcomes for Medicaid consumers.

Subject to approval by the Ohio General Assembly and federal waiver approval, Ohio expects to expand its managed care program to include additional populations (e.g., children with disabilities) not currently covered under managed care. The population to be served under the RFA will include this additional population as well as the currently-covered managed care populations comprised of approximately 1.5 million Covered Families and Children (CFC) and 125,000 Aged Blind and Disabled (ABD) consumers. Enrollment of the eligible populations following the selection process is expected to begin in July 2012. The RFA will also allow OHP to add any additional Medicaid populations to the program for a number of years without issuing an additional RFA (e.g. duals, waiver, institutional populations).

The anticipated release date for the RFA is July or early August 2011, after passage of the state's biennial budget. Further announcements and updates will be provided on the OHP managed care website at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/bmhc/>.

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