

Program Closure Enhanced Care Management

The 2006-2007 Ohio biennium budget, signed by Governor Taft in July 2005, mandates that Ohio serve a specific subset of the ABD population through a full-risk managed care program. This program is to be implemented by December 31, 2006. In order to devote the necessary systems and staff resources to develop the full risk ABD program, Ohio must terminate the ECM program.

ECM services will be stopped in Cuyahoga County, effective September 30, 2005, and in Hamilton, Lucas, and Franklin counties, effective October 31, 2005. ECM services will continue for enrolled individuals through these dates respectively. Since all medical services are paid through the fee-for-service (FFS) program, consumers will not experience any interruptions in their medical benefits. Cuyahoga county consumers will be issued new FFS Medicaid cards with an effective date of October 1, 2005, while consumers in Hamilton, Lucas, and Franklin counties will be issued new FFS Medicaid cards with an effective date of November 1, 2005.