



Department of
Job and Family Services

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Potential Applicants and Interested Parties:

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), Office of Health Plans, is releasing a Request for Applications (RFA) Number R-89-07-8016 for the purpose of identifying qualified health plans (Applicants) to provide health care services to a portion of the Aged, Blind or Disabled (ABD) population in the Northeast and Northwest regions of the state. The highest qualified Applicants will be selected for provider agreements with ODJFS. Only health insuring corporations (HICs) licensed by the Ohio Department of Insurance will be considered. ODJFS seeks Applicants with: extensive experience in providing all Medicaid-covered services and care and in managing ABD consumers; flexibility to meet Ohio-specific requirements; sufficient administrative and information system capacity; and demonstrated high level clinical performance.

This RFA reflects a commitment of the Ohio House of Representatives, Ohio Senate, and Governor Strickland to provide access to Medicaid-covered services for approximately 120,000 ABD consumers on a regional basis through a full-risk managed care system. It is the goal of ODJFS to deliver a managed care program that provides ABD consumers with: access to all Medicaid-covered medically necessary services; prevention and care coordination services within a medical home setting; advice and direction for medical issues via a 24/7 medical advice hotline; help in accessing services with a dedicated call center for members and a provider directory listing primary care physicians, hospitals, and specialists; and care management for consumers with chronic and complex health conditions.

Organizations interested in this important project should obtain RFA #R-89-07-8016 through the ODJFS web site at <http://www.jfs.ohio.gov/rfp/>. If you experience problems opening the above referenced ODJFS URL, please contact the RFP Unit at the following telephone number:

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Responses must be prepared and submitted in strict accordance with the requirements and time frames given in the RFA. All potential Applicants are reminded that the Ohio Medicaid Managed Care Program is subject to state and federal statutes and regulations, and while ODJFS has conducted multiple reviews of the RFA and its attachments to assure its accuracy, state and federal law shall take precedence. Should ODJFS become aware of a need for corrections or changes, a revision will be posted on the internet at the website listed above.

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

Sincerely,

(Signature on file)

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