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TO: Potential Applicants and Interested Parties

FROM: Barbara Riley, Director 

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS – MEDICAID MANAGED CARE PROGRAM FOR COVERED FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), Office of Ohio Health Plans, is releasing this Request for Applications (RFA) for the purpose of identifying qualified health plans (Applicants) to provide health care services to Covered Families and Children (CFC) eligibles in Ohio Medicaid's managed care program. The highest qualified Applicants will be selected to enter into provider agreements with ODJFS to provide specified services to persons in the CFC population on a regional basis under a full-risk, capitated arrangement. Provider agreements will be entered into only with health insuring corporations (HICs) licensed by the Ohio Department of Insurance. ODJFS is seeking Applicants with: extensive experience in providing all Medicaid-covered services to this population; flexibility to meet Ohio-specific program requirements; sufficient administrative and information systems capacity to successfully manage a high volume of members enrolled in an expedited timeframe; and demonstrated high levels of clinical performance.

This RFA reflects the commitment of the Ohio House of Representatives, Ohio Senate, and Governor Taft to provide access to Medicaid-covered services for 1.2 million CFC consumers on a regional basis through a full-risk managed care system. The goal of ODJFS is to implement this managed care program in a way in which enrolled members receive: prevention and care coordination services within a medical home setting; advice & 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, & specialists; and special services for consumers with special health care needs including case management.

The RFA will be available on the internet on November 30, 2005, at the following web site:

www.jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/bmhc/statemhc.stm

This RFA process incorporates a proposal submission process different than those used in previous managed care program procurements. Please review all proposal and program requirements as contained in the RFA and reference materials. A mandatory Applicant Conference will be held on December 12, 2005. Please see RFA Section III, *Application Process*, for details. All attendees of the December 12, 2005 mandatory Applicant Conference must follow the registration instructions to be posted on the web site above.

All potential Applicants are reminded that the Ohio Medicaid managed care program is subject to changes as a result of state and federal statutes and regulations. All provisions of the RFA and attachments are accurate and current to the best of ODJFS' knowledge. Should changes occur, notices and amendments will be posted on the internet at the above web site.

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

cc: Governor Bob Taft
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