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**TO:** All Health Care Providers in the Managed Care Central Region  
**FROM:** Jon Barley, Ph.D., Chief, Bureau of Managed Health Care  
**DATE:** July 7, 2006  
**SUBJECT:** **Medicaid Managed Care—Notification of Third Managed Care Plan in Central Region**

Based upon requirements set forth in Amended Substitute House Bill 66, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) has put into motion the expansion of Medicaid managed care for Covered Families and Children (CFC) consumers in Ohio. On March 17, 2006, the Bureau of Managed Health Care (BMHC) selected CareSource and Molina Health Plan to offer Medicaid-covered services to CFC Medicaid consumers residing in the Managed Care Central Region (CENTRAL) through a request for applications (RFA) released on November 30, 2006. On March 27, 2006, the BMHC released another RFA for the purpose of selecting one additional managed care plan for this region.

As a result of this extended procurement process, Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield Partnership Plan, Inc. (Anthem) has been selected by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to participate in the readiness review process to obtain a contract with the State of Ohio to provide health care benefits to CFC consumers in the Managed Care Central Region. This region includes the following counties-- Crawford, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Hocking, Knox, Licking, Logan, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Union. Anthem will become the third health plan in the Central Region available to provide services to approximately 250,000 eligible CFC Medicaid consumers.

The three selected MCPs for your area are: Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield Partnership Plan, Inc. (Anthem), CareSource, and Molina Healthcare of Ohio, Inc. Upon completion of the readiness review process and fulfillment of the provider panel requirements, all three plans will enter into a provider agreement with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS). At this time, the exact date for the completion of this process is not known. Providers will be given advance written notice when the Central Region will begin mandatory MCP enrollments.

For information on how to become a participating provider with an MCP, please contact the plan(s) directly at:

<b>Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield Partnership Plan, Inc.</b>	<b>1-866-268-1473</b>	<b>Network Development</b>
<b>CareSource</b>	<b>1-877-725-4577</b>	<b>CareSource Provider Recruitment Connection</b>
<b>Molina Healthcare of Ohio, Inc.</b>	<b>1-800-357-0146</b>	<b>Ami Cole</b>

Please be aware that MCP providers must meet MCP-specific contracting and credentialing requirements. MCPs are not required to contract with all FFS providers.

For additional information about the Medicaid managed care program please visit our web site at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp> and select "Managed Care" under the Providers Link. In addition, you may wish to check the web site periodically for updates regarding the managed care program in general and the statewide expansion of managed care in particular.

Should you have any further questions regarding Medicaid managed care enrollment in your area, please contact our bureau at (614) 466-4693 or email us at [bmhc@odjfs.state.oh.us](mailto:bmhc@odjfs.state.oh.us).