

APRIL 2008
ISSUE 7**MEDICAID MANAGED CARE MONTHLY**<http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/bmhc/index.stm>**CHANGE FOR SOME ABD
CONSUMERS IN THE NW REGION**

In April, Buckeye Community Health Plan notified ODJFS that it will not renew its contract to provide Medicaid benefits to Aged, Blind and Disabled (ABD) enrollees in the Northwest region. Buckeye's last day of coverage for ABD enrollees in this region is June 30, 2008. This change will affect the 4,730 ABD enrollees who are currently enrolled with Buckeye Community Health Plan in the Northwest

region. This change will not affect Covered Families and Children enrollees in the Northwest region or others enrolled with Buckeye across the state. Please see the map for the affected counties.

Soon, ODJFS will begin to send written notification to affected enrollees informing them of the change and of their opportunity to select a new managed care plan from the two which remain: Anthem and CareSource. Those who do not respond to the written selection information will be automatically assigned to the plan whose provider panel most closely matches the primary care providers used by those individuals. As always, there will be a 90-day opportunity after enrollment into a new plan for enrollees to change managed care plans if they are not satisfied with their choice. All of Buckeye Community Health Plan's ABD enrollees in the Northwest region will be transferred to a new plan no later than July 1, 2008.

ODJFS is making every effort to provide a smooth transition for the ABD enrollees affected by this change. To do so, ODJFS will arrange for current prior authorization, case management, and current hospitalization information from Buckeye to be shared with Anthem and CareSource.

Buckeye Community Health Plan will be notifying its provider network of this change, and the two remaining plans will expand their networks in the Northwest region as necessary to serve additional consumers. Providers who have claims for services to Buckeye Community Health Plan members can bill for dates of service prior to July 1, 2008, according to their existing contracts.

CHILDREN'S BUY-IN PROGRAM (CBI) NOW AVAILABLE

ODJFS is pleased to announce that the Children's Buy-In (CBI) program is now accepting applications. CBI was created as part of Governor Strickland's TurnAround Ohio healthcare coverage expansions. The program provides another health care coverage option for children up to age 19 who have special needs or high cost private insurance premiums. Children must be in a family whose monthly income is more than 300% of the federal poverty level and must meet other eligibility criteria. CBI is state-only funded and monthly premiums apply. For program and eligibility details, and application information, visit CBI on the Web: <http://jfs.ohio.gov/OHP/cbi/index.stm>

Benefits for children enrolled in CBI will be provided by CareSource. For more information about the benefit package available through CBI, visit CareSource on the Web: <http://www.caresource-cbi.com/>

