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Ohio's New Medicaid Managed Care Program Gets Statewide Roll-Out

Medicaid beneficiaries across the state now able to choose from among five plans

COLUMBUS – State Medicaid Director John McCarthy recently announced the launch of a revamped Medicaid managed care program that will serve more than 1.6 million residents across Ohio. Managed care plans participating in the new program are expected to create approximately 1,000 new jobs in order to address increased staffing needs in various regions of the state.

The program's July 1 implementation date coincides with the creation of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) – the state's first executive-level Medicaid agency.

"The goal of managed care is to enhance care coordination and improve health outcomes for those individuals enrolled in Ohio's Medicaid program," said Director McCarthy. "The five chosen plans will serve as vital partners to the state as we find new ways to ensure quality care for those Ohioans who have the highest need and, at times, complex medical conditions."

In line with the Kasich Administration's commitment to place performance and value over volume, a request for applications (RFA) was held last year in an effort to reform the way managed care organizations serve Ohio's Medicaid population. Ohio Medicaid evaluated the prospective plans and their past performance coordinating care and improving the health outcomes of beneficiaries.

Ultimately, the following five managed care plans were awarded contracts to serve the state's Medicaid population:

- Buckeye Community Health Plan
- CareSource
- Molina Healthcare
- Paramount Advantage
- United Healthcare

All five of the selected plans will be made available across the state by way of three service regions. As a result, Medicaid managed care beneficiaries will now have greater choice in selecting a plan that best suits their individual health care needs. Medicaid managed care plans will provide coverage to Covered Children and Families (CFC) and Aged, Blind, and

Disabled (ABD) populations, as well as approximately 37,000 children with special health care needs.

“We are hoping that the new Medicaid managed care program will lead more individuals to take an active role in making the vital decisions concerning their care,” said McCarthy. “Ohio Medicaid is confident that this is the beginning of a lasting partnership that will significantly help our efforts to modernize Medicaid in Ohio.”

As an added term of the new managed care contracts, each plan is now required to maintain and operate a member service call center in Ohio. Increases in new call center staffing and case management personnel will further bolster job creation in multiple regions of Ohio.

For more information on Ohio’s new Medicaid’s managed care program or to enroll, please visit <http://www.ohiomh.com/>.

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