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OHIO MEDICAID MANAGED CARE PLAN SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT UPDATE

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Pursuant to requirements in the 2006 – 2007 budget bill (Am. Sub. HB 66) passed by the Ohio Legislature in June of 2006, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is expanding the full-risk Medicaid managed care program statewide for specified Medicaid populations. This communication is an update on the status of the procurement process for the Covered Families and Children (CFC) population.

In September 2005, ODJFS initiated a competitive procurement process to expand the Medicaid managed care program statewide to cover 1.2 million CFC Medicaid consumers. Interested entities attended an applicant conference on September 20, 2005 and ODJFS released a Request for Applications (RFA) to serve CFC consumers on November 30, 2005. The deadline for interested entities to submit applications to be selected as an Ohio Medicaid managed care plan was February 7, 2006. When the RFA was released in November 2005, ODJFS estimated the application review would be completed and selections would be announced on March 3, 2006.

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On February 7, 2006, eleven interested managed care plans submitted applications in response to the RFA for a combined 38 regions that included contracts with over 15,000 providers. **Due to the magnitude of the response, ODJFS is adjusting its estimate of the review completion and selection announcement date. ODJFS' revised estimate for completion of the application review and announcement of selections is now March 17, 2006.**

ODJFS is keeping an active website where anyone interested in the statewide expansion can find up-to-date information. The website is located at www.jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/bmhc/statemhc.stm.

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