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**The Ohio Association of Health Plans Statement on Governor Kasich's  
FY 2012-13 Budget Proposal**

*Health plans continue to review budget, will continue to work with Administration to affect change*

**Statement from Kelly McGivern, President and CEO, Ohio Association of Health Plans:**

“The Ohio Association of Health Plans and its member plans applaud the Governor for tackling Medicaid transformation. The proposed increased use of care coordination, rebalancing of fragmented systems, and modernization of the reimbursement structure will put Ohio on the path for creating a sustainable Medicaid program for the future.

We look forward to working with the Governor and legislature to build upon the proposed budget framework so that it captures the strengths of the current care coordination system which has proven to be a benefit for the state both in better health outcomes and fiscal efficiencies.

We are still analyzing additional budget changes that will result in a reduction in the amount care coordination plans are paid for coordinating Medicaid health benefits.

As the state’s largest partner in Medicaid currently serving over 1.6 million Ohioans, the Medicaid Care Coordination Plans recognize the state’s fiscal challenges and will continue to offer solutions to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of Ohio’s Medicaid system. “

**About OAHP**

The Ohio Association of Health Plans (OAHP) represents 20 member health plans providing health insurance coverage to more than 7.5 million Ohioans. Ohio’s health plans include commercial insurers, Medicaid Care Coordination Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans. As the statewide trade association for the health insurance industry, the OAHP is a leading organization that actively promotes and advocates for quality health care benefits for all consumers in Ohio. For more information, visit [www.oahp.org](http://www.oahp.org) or [www.healthcarehome.org](http://www.healthcarehome.org).

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