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OHIO ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH PLANS ADDRESSES CHALLENGES FACING MEDICAID AND OHIO

Policy paper details new way of doing business, resulting in savings for Ohio of \$1.78 Billion

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Ohio Association of Health Plans President Kelly McGivern announced that the organization has issued a new policy brief, “Ohio’s Care Coordination Program: A Proven Opportunity for a new way in Ohio’s Medicaid Program.”

In the brief, available online at http://www.oahp.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/position_paper.pdf, Ohio’s Medicaid plans address some of the challenges facing Ohio’s Medicaid program.

“We have thought long and hard about the issues facing Ohio’s Medicaid program,” said McGivern. “We have envisioned a new way of doing business that centers on meeting all of the needs of Medicaid consumers through an efficient and effective care coordination system.”

Through a four step process, Ohio can harness the full power of an integrated program that is effective in improving care for consumers and creating efficiencies that provide a \$1.78 Billion fiscal benefit for the upcoming state budget:

- Doing Business Differently
- Maximizing Care Coordination
- Integrating Medicaid Benefits
- Modernizing Ohio’s Reimbursement System

“Focusing on prevention and maximizing care coordination in the near term set the stage for even greater efficiencies and improved health for Medicaid consumers in the future,” said McGivern.

To review details of the OAHP budget proposal, go to www.oahp.org.

OAHP is a statewide trade association that represents companies that provide health insurance benefits to more than six million Ohioans. Ohio’s health plans include commercial insurers, Medicaid Care Coordination Plans and Medicare Advantage plans.

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