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TO: Community Behavioral Health Centers  
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RE: Ohio Medicaid Health Homes for Persons with Serious and Persistent Mental  
Illness – Initial Regions & Tentative Regional Roll-Out

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The Ohio Departments of Mental Health and Job and Family Services would like to thank the community behavioral health centers who submitted non-binding letters of intent expressing their readiness to implement health home services for persons with serious and persistent mental illness. The purpose of this communication is to share highlights from the letters as well as the tentative implementation schedule.

ODMH received a total of 80 letters which included responses from providers in 85 of Ohio's 88 counties. The majority of CBHCs indicated they would be in a position to implement health homes between October 2012 and July 2013.

In determining the regions and implementation schedule, ODMH considered key elements of the CBHCs' submissions as well as Medicaid enrollment and annual Medicaid spending on the population to be served in a health home by region. ODMH focused on regions where providers expressed an interest in becoming a Health Home provider and indicated an ability to meet eligibility requirements, such as demonstrating physical and behavioral health integration. In addition to provider readiness, the providers' anticipated caseloads (adults and children) and the overall SPMI population in each region were considered to ensure that adequate capacity existed to serve eligible consumers within each region.

### **Implementation Schedule**

Because the health home concept is based on a provider's willingness to transform its practice, the Medicaid health homes for individuals with SPMI will be implemented through a phased-in approach based on the county or counties of the provider's service area as opposed to the county of residence of the consumer. The overall roll-out plan will consist of three different

phases. Phase I will include five counties with implementation scheduled for October 1, 2012; Phase II will include thirty counties with implementation tentatively scheduled for April 1, 2013; and Phase III will include the remaining fifty-three counties with implementation tentatively scheduled for July 1, 2013. Below is a list of counties, by phase:

- Phase I will be implemented in October 2012 in the following counties:
  - Butler County
  - Adams County
  - Scioto County
  - Lawrence County
  - Lucas County
  
- Phase II is tentatively scheduled for implementation in April 2013 in the following counties: Fulton, Williams, Defiance, Henry, Cuyahoga, Summit, Portage, Huron, Crawford, Richland, Ashland, Marion, Morrow, Delaware, Knox, Franklin, Licking, Preble, Montgomery, Fayette, Pickaway, Hocking Ross, Vinton, Athens, Washington, Pike, Jackson, Gallia, and Meigs.
  
- Phase III is tentatively scheduled for implementation in July 2013 in the remaining Ohio counties.

Regions chosen for Phase I offer diversity geographically and in the models of care that can be offered, resulting in a gradual growth to the program to promote its success. Please note that the implementation schedule for the second and third phase is considered tentative at this point and is subject to change. ODMH and ODJFS will continue working in partnership with constituents on the implementation of health homes. In the near future, ODMH will be providing information regarding specific next steps, including the application process for providers in Phase I regions. All information will also be shared with constituent associations and be posted on the ODMH website.

<http://mentalhealth.ohio.gov/what-we-do/protect-and-monitor/medicaid/hhc-main.shtml>

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