



## Governor's Office of Health Transformation

**John R. Kasich**, Governor  
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### Health Care Innovation Challenge Round 2 Letter of Support

To the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation:

Ohio Governor John Kasich created the Office of Health Transformation (OHT) to implement new care delivery and payment models that produce better health, better care, and lower costs for people enrolled in Medicaid and Medicare, particularly those with the highest health care needs. OHT welcomes the opportunity to partner with successful Health Care Innovation Challenge grant applicants to improve health outcomes while lowering the cost of care.

Ohio is an ideal environment to identify and test new care delivery and payment models. On a per capita basis, Ohioans spend more for health care than citizens in all but 17 states yet, according to the Commonwealth Fund's State Scorecard on Health System Performance, 36 states have better health outcomes than Ohio. OHT is focused on converting what Ohioans spend already into better care by aligning incentives to drive value instead of volume.

OHT convened a multi-payer team, including Medicaid and Ohio's five largest health plans, to support successful Health Care Innovation Challenge applicants. The state's highest priority in Round 2 will be to support projects that test new payment and service delivery models for patient-centered medical homes and episode-based payments, and related investments in health information technology, workforce development, and performance measurement.

Sincerely,

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