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Ohio Benefits Teams with OhioMeansJobs.com to Connect Residents to Local Job Opportunities

COLUMBUS – The Governor's Office of Health Transformation (OHT) today announced that Ohioans seeking Medicaid coverage will now automatically see job opportunities in their community. When they apply for Medicaid on the state's new online *Ohio Benefits* system, local jobs will automatically appear via a pop-up window through OhioMeansJobs.com, the state's premier resume and job bank. The new feature is a collaborative effort among OHT, the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation (OWT), the Ohio Departments of Medicaid, and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

"Access to healthcare coverage and clear pathways to job opportunities go hand-in-hand," said State Medicaid Director John McCarthy. "Connecting the two websites will only help us to better serve Ohioans."

"Today, there are over 180,000 job opportunities posted at OhioMeansJobs.com," said Dawn Larzelere, Director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation. "The website can not only share information on those jobs but also help Ohioans identify in-demand occupations, write a resume, find training opportunities and more."

Not only will *Ohio Benefits* users be greeted with job opportunities, but all openings that appear on the screen will be within 20 miles of their residential address. Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Director Cynthia Dungey said that the personalized approach will bolster linkages between work and services.

"In addition to providing immediate services to families in need, we must also provide a path up and out of poverty," said Director Dungey. "In light of that, we have expanded OhioMeansJobs.com into a full-fledged online career center that can help Ohioans identify potential job opportunities and give them the training and tools necessary to land an interview and get the job."

The *Ohio Benefits* eligibility determination system was launched on October 1, 2013. You can access the website at www.benefits.ohio.gov. OhioMeansJobs.com is now a full-fledged online career center, with services for individuals and employers. You can access the website at www.ohiomeansjobs.com.

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