



**Governor's Office of
Health Transformation**

John R. Kasich, Governor

Greg Moody, Director

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Health Care Innovation Challenge Letter of Support

To the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation:

Ohio Governor John Kasich created the Office of Health Transformation (OHT) in January 2011 to implement new care delivery and payment models that produce better health, improved care, and lower costs to 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 health 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 13 states yet, according to the Commonwealth Fund's State Scorecard on Health System Performance, 41 states have better health outcomes than Ohio. OHT is focused on converting what Ohioans spend already, particularly through Medicaid, into better care by aligning incentives to drive value instead of volume.

OHT will assemble a state team, including Medicaid and other agencies as needed, to support successful Health Care Innovation Challenge applicants, with the highest priority given to projects that foster the participation of a variety of Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, providers, payers, and other organizations in a consistent, organized, and synergistic partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Moody".

Greg Moody, Director

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