Ohio Benefits Website Connects Ohioans to Coverage

(For newsletters and other materials that promote consumer self-service options)

On October 1, the State of Ohio launched a new system designed to assist residents who wish to obtain health care coverage through Medicaid. Ohio Benefits is a simplified, self-service Website that makes it easier for Ohioans to learn what type of assistance may be available to them.

Through the new Benefits portal, individuals will receive immediate notice as to whether or not they qualify for Medicaid coverage. Those who do not qualify for Medicaid will be directed to other opportunities for coverage through the federal health insurance exchange.

Over the next two years, Ohio Benefits will become the primary resource for those seeking assistance beyond just Medicaid. In 2015, eligibility determination for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and other programs will be on Ohio Benefits.

If you or someone you know are looking to find out more about Medicaid eligibility and the new system, please visit <u>Benefits.Ohio.gov</u>.