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Health Care Assistance Available for Families

Batavia, Ohio. The *Children's Buy-In (CBI) Health Care Program* provides access to health care coverage for eligible, uninsured children in families with incomes over 300 and exceeding 500% of the federal poverty level. (For a family of 4 this is an annual income of \$63,600 to \$106,000.) The *CBI Program* is a state funded, non-Medicaid program and is not subject to the federal regulations that govern Medicaid; the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) administers the *CBI Program*.

There are other eligibility requirements to participate. The child must be an Ohio resident, a U.S. citizen, not eligible for Medicaid, and under 19 years of age. The family must have had no creditable insurance coverage for at least six months.

As a condition of eligibility, one of the following circumstances must exist: an eligible child must be unable to obtain creditable insurance coverage due to a pre-existing condition; have lost the only creditable insurance coverage available, due to exhaustion of a lifetime benefit; has access to creditable insurance, but the premium is more than two times the cost of the premium under the *CBI Program* (in excess of \$500 per month); or participate in the Ohio Department of Health's Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps Program.

The application process and all communication about the program is available online; each applicant must have a valid e-mail address. The family must pay a premium, which is calculated based on their income. A billing statement will be mailed each month indicating the premium amount; failure to pay for two consecutive months will result in immediate termination of coverage. Once a child is found eligible, the benefits will be administered by CareSource, a managed care plan, through a network of contracted health care providers throughout the state.

This program will provide relief for middle class families with ill or handicapped children who otherwise would not have health care coverage. For more detailed information or to apply, visit the Web sites www.jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/cbi or www.caresource-cbi.com.

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