

# Ohio | Department of Medicaid

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Mr. Tim Englehart, Acting Director  
The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office  
200 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20201

Re: **Extension of Ohio's Financial Alignment Demonstration for Medicare-Medicaid Beneficiaries**

Dear Director Englehart:

This letter is being submitted as a formal request to extend Ohio's time-limited financial alignment model for Medicare-Medicaid beneficiaries.

In 2012, Ohio became among the first of twelve states to earn federal approval for its plan to implement an integrated care delivery system for dual-beneficiaries. Formally branded as MyCare Ohio, today the program serves roughly 95,000 beneficiaries with complex health care needs. The Ohio demonstration is currently live in seven geographical regions composed of 29 counties. Additionally, each region features multiple managed care plans so that beneficiaries maintain the ability to choose their insurer.

The Ohio Department of Medicaid remains committed to effectively administering a financial alignment model that emphasizes person-centered, coordinated care across the full continuum of health care benefits. Together with our contracted managed care plans, we are actively engaging stakeholders and advocates to refine and improve MyCare Ohio and we believe the additional two years is important to ensure success.

Therefore, the Ohio Department of Medicaid is requesting a two-year extension of its financial alignment demonstration, which is currently set to conclude on December 31, 2017. We look forward to working with you on the possibility of an extended timeline.

Sincerely,



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