



## Cardinal Health Foundation

December 28, 2009

Tracy Plouck  
State Medicaid Director  
Ohio Dept. of Job & Family Services  
Office of Ohio Health Plans (Medicaid)  
50 W. Town  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Ms. Plouck:

On behalf of the Cardinal Health Foundation, I am writing to express our support for the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services' proposal to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for pediatric quality improvement resources through federal CHIPRA Quality Demonstration Grants.

As you may know, the Cardinal Health Foundation has provided some seed funding for our eight Ohio Children's hospitals to implement quality improvements to eliminate surgical site infections and adverse drug events. With this initial funding, we have seen these eight hospitals significantly strengthen their capacity – at all levels. We have been proud to support this formative work that built relationships, increased trust and transparency, strengthened infrastructure and is resulting in important quality improvements for Ohio children. Our aspiration is for Ohio to be The safest place for healthcare in the nation.

We believe we are on a path to make that aspiration a reality and we intend to continue to support this effort; however, more significant funding is needed to increase the depth and scope of the effort. There is much to be done to eliminate any and all errors. We believe the children's hospitals are now well-positioned to take this work to new levels. A CHIPRA Demonstration Grant would assure those further improvements become reality.

We strongly support the vision your team has developed and believe it will further build capacity and capability to ensure quality health care and outcomes for children covered by Medicaid in Ohio. Please feel free to contact me, or to have others contact me, for more information about this important work in Ohio.

Sincerely,

Dianne Radigan, Director Community Relations and the Cardinal Health Foundation  
Cardinal Health