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Your Voice... Your Choice

An **Urgent** **Message** to all *Independent Home* *Care Providers*

Home care is changing...

are you prepared?

Respond Immediately
(Directions inside)

Your Future as an Independent Provider

Home care in Ohio is changing. New rules, regulations and procedures will have an affect on the way you do business. Some changes may be good, some may be challenging—all will require a better understanding of actions affecting you and your clients.

One of the changes is Gov. Ted Strickland's Executive Order allowing certain Independent Providers to form a collective bargaining unit—in effect, to unionize IPs.

What does the order mean? How will it impact what you do? How will it affect your clients? At this point in time, there are many questions and few solid answers.

Changes in Medicaid managed care, licensing of health care workers, and different Medicaid program rules are on the horizon. These changes will make your job even more difficult.

Ohio Council for Home Care is Your Solution

In response to these changes, the Ohio Council for Home Care (OCHC) is giving you the opportunity to become a member of the association for home care and hospice in Ohio. Membership in OCHC will allow you a strong, united voice on these and future issues.

OCHC—The Voice of Home Care and Hospice in Ohio

OCHC is a “unique and indispensable source of advocacy, education, information and research for home and community-based care.”

OCHC has been the leader in home care for more than 42 years. OCHC's team of professionals headquartered in the state capital are on constant alert for items affecting its members.

In just the past year, OCHC has:

- *Led the successful fight to get a rate reimbursement increase for all providers, including you, in the state budget—the first increase in nearly a decade.*
- *Kept its members informed of government discussions regarding such issues as Medicaid managed care, licensing and Medicaid program changes.*

Join Ohio Council for Home Care to be “The Voice”

OCHC has led the fight for consumers, home care agencies and their employees. Now, OCHC is offering membership to Independent Providers across Ohio.

Joining OCHC allows you to have a stronger voice in the state capital. It gives you the resources to learn more about major developments in the home care and hospice fields and what they mean to you.

Most importantly, you become part of the team successfully fighting for actions that lead to better wages and benefits for you.

Join today! Simply fill out the attached card and mail to Ohio Council for Home Care. Or, email us at ip@homecareohio.org with your name, address and email address.

There is no need to send any money now. You will be invoiced \$32.00 for the remainder of 2007. Annual dues (*January–December*) are \$125.00, far less than union membership, for example.

To learn more about OCHC, visit our website www.homecareohio.org. If you have any questions, please call OCHC at (614) 885-0434 ext. 205.

Become a Member OCHC—The Voice of Home Care and Hospice in Ohio

To become a member, simply check below and fill out the form and mail to OCHC. Or, you can email us at ip@homecareohio.org with your name and address. You will be invoiced \$32.00.

Yes, I want to become a member of OCHC.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Medicaid Provider ID: _____

Thank you for your choice to share your voice with us in the fight for quality care for our clients and better wages and benefits for health care workers.