Through its Medicaid Technical Assistance and Policy Program (MEDTAPP) Healthcare Access Initiative (HCA), the Government Resource Center (GRC) is seeking applications from institutions interested in being identified as the lead institution for a cardiovascular disease collaborative with an emphasis on health disparities. The Ohio Department of Medicaid will select a lead institution in advance of release of the SFY 2018-2019 HCA Request for Proposals (RFP). The opportunity to be identified as a lead institution for this collaborative is only available to Ohio academic medical centers. It is expected that other health sciences colleges and universities will work with the lead institution to be key partners in this collaborative.

Applications must include the following:

1. A maximum four-page, single sided, single spaced response that addresses the following:
   a. Evidence of institution’s experience in working with other academic medical centers or health sciences colleges and universities in the collaborative identified above or in work that is similar in nature and could help to support the collaborative
      i. Description of size and scope of previous experience
      ii. Published research and outcomes from previous experience
   b. Institution’s experience in and proposed approaches to working with the Medicaid community and community-based organizations on cardiovascular disease with an emphasis on health disparities
      i. Types of previous community partnerships
   c. Institution’s organizational capacity (e.g. staffing, technology) to undertake the work of the proposed collaborative
   d. Proposed collaborative activities to be undertaken if selected as the lead institution. Please address how these activities will help achieve the goals of the collaborative:
      i. Improve population health outcomes for those with or at-risk for cardiovascular disease across the state with a focus on reducing health disparities
      ii. Understand variation in healthcare use, identify best practices, lead interventions for improving care primarily in community-based and primary care settings
      iii. Rapidly improve quality of care through rigorous performance feedback, empirical identification of best practices, and collaborative learning
      iv. Improve value by reducing costs
2. Principal Investigator Curriculum Vitae
3. Brief description of key personnel that will participate in the collaborative

Institutions will be required to collaborate with at least three academic medical centers or health sciences colleges and universities in the state, in addition to other community partners; conduct face-to-face meetings of the collaborative; and select and provide data on outcome measures (to be identified). The collaborative must be supported by virtual communication (e.g. ECHO, teleconferencing).

GRC will respond to questions about this application through 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 14. Please email questions to MEDTAPPHCA@osumc.edu.

Applications of intent are due by 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 16 to MEDTAPPHCA@osumc.edu.

Applications will be reviewed by the Ohio Department of Medicaid. Decisions will be communicated by Friday, December 30. The selected lead institution will be responsible for responding to the Collaborative items on the upcoming HCA RFP for SFY 2018-2019 including a description of team composition and work plan. Applicants may be required to submit additional information or participate in an in-person meeting during the selection process. This work, as part of MEDTAPP, will support the efficient and effective administration of the Medicaid program.