
Letter of Support

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Subject: Support for Set-Aside in the 2026 QAP to Prioritize Housing for Pregnant and Newly Parenting Families

Dear OHFA Team,

On behalf of OhioHealth, I am writing to express our strong support for the inclusion of a set-aside in the 2026 Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) that prioritizes housing for pregnant and newly parenting families.

As a leading healthcare provider committed to improving maternal and infant health across Ohio, we see firsthand the critical role that stable housing plays in health outcomes. Research consistently shows that housing quality and stability are foundational to healthy pregnancies, safe deliveries, and positive long-term outcomes for both mothers and infants. Conversely, housing instability is associated with increased risks of preterm birth, low birth weight, infant mortality, and maternal mental health challenges.

By recognizing housing as a social determinant of health, OHFA has the opportunity to lead the nation in aligning housing policy with public health goals. A dedicated set-aside for this vulnerable population would not only improve health outcomes but also reduce disparities in healthcare access and utilization—particularly among communities disproportionately affected by housing insecurity.

We urge OHFA to consider this set-aside as a strategic investment in Ohio's future. Stable housing for pregnant and parenting families is not just a housing issue—it is a public health imperative.

Thank you for your leadership and for the opportunity to provide input on the 2026 QAP.

Sincerely,

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