



February 4, 2026

Dear CelebrateOne Leadership,

ODM and its managed care organizations (MCOs) are excited to announce that the current MISP grant period has been extended by an additional year and a half beginning Thursday, January 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027. The MCOs will work with each lead entity to arrange for the provision of 1.5 years of additional funding with the intention of using these funds to extend your ongoing work in your community for the period mentioned.

These monies will allow you to continue focusing on projects that have been impactful for moms and their babies based on CBO data submitted to The Ohio Department of Medicaid. **The amount allocated to Franklin County for the extension period of January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 is \$3,390,000.00.**

By now, your MCO liaison with UnitedHealth has communicated with you to discuss the funding in more detail, including requirements to develop a plan for working through the extension, and completing necessary contractual amendments. Quarterly reports will continue to be received through ODM's infant mortality reduction email: infantmortality@medicaid.ohio.gov. I am accessible by phone at 614-752-4887 or email via the infant mortality email previously mentioned and at traci.bell-thomas@medicaid.ohio.gov.

As always, thank you for everything you do in helping your community's moms and babies thrive!

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