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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Rescinding Executive Orders D 004 05 and B 003 05

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, I, Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order rescinding Executive Order D 004 05 and dissolving the Office of the Colorado Benefits Management System and rescinding Executive Order B 003 05 and dissolving the Colorado Benefits Management System Steering Committee.

1. Background and Purpose.

On May 27, 2005, Governor Owens issued Executive Order D 004 05 creating the Office of the Colorado Benefits Management System (“Office of CBMS”). CBMS is an eligibility and payment system for issuing benefits to clients across Colorado for a variety of social service programs administered by counties and select medical assistance sites. Governor Owens created the Office of CBMS based on the recommendations of an independent program audit in 2005. The audit recommended the creation of the Office of CBMS to provide program management and governance oversight for the system based upon the complexity of managing multiple stakeholders. Prior to the creation of the Office of CBMS, the Colorado Department of Human Services (“CDHS”) and the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (“HCPF”) oversaw the management and operations of CBMS. Executive Order D 004 05 created the Office of CBMS to be accountable for the overall control of CBMS from a direction, planning, management, and delivery perspective, with staff assistance from CDHS and HCPF. The Director of the Office of CBMS serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

At the same time, Governor Owens issued Executive Order B 003 05 creating the Colorado Benefits Management System Steering Committee (the “Steering Committee”). The Steering Committee was created to provide guidance and expertise to the ongoing CBMS operations. The Steering Committee’s mission was to review recommendations for improving the operations of CBMS, make additional recommendations, and to monitor and provide feedback on the continued management and operations of the Office of CBMS.

Maintaining a separate Office of CBMS within the Governor’s Office is no longer necessary or efficient. While program management and governance oversight remain vital to the on-going management of the Office of CBMS, the leadership of the Office of CBMS can be incorporated jointly between the Executive Director functions within CDHS and HCPF.

Moreover, the functions of the Steering Committee can also be managed jointly by the two Executive Directors. Accordingly, through this Executive Order I am dissolving the Office of CBMS. The Executive Directors of CDHS and HCPF will assume responsibility for the on-going management and maintenance of the Office of CBMS. The current Office of CBMS staff will retain similar responsibilities within the Office of CBMS; however each staff member will report to either CDHS or HCPF.

2. Directives.

- A. I hereby rescind Executive Order D 004 05 and dissolve the Office of CBMS.
- B. The Colorado Department of Human Services and Department of Health Care Policy and Financing will resume accountability and control of CBMS.
- C. The Executive Directors of CDHS and HCPF shall determine the reassignment of the Office of CBMS staff no later than April 1, 2007.
- D. I hereby rescind Executive Order B 003 05 and dissolve the Colorado Benefits Management System Steering Committee.
- E. The Executive Directors of CDHS and HCPF shall assume the functions of the Steering Committee. The Executive Directors may establish committees to assist in the management of CBMS.

3. Duration

This Executive Order shall remain in force until further modification or rescission by the Governor.

GIVEN under my hand and
the Executive Seal of the
State of Colorado, this 15th
day of February, 2007.

Bill Ritter, Jr.
Governor