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TO: Board Executive Directors and CFOs  
FROM: Daniel Schreiber, Deputy Director of Financial Management  
DATE: March 31, 2016  
RE: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 421 Allocation / OPS Balance

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Executive Directors and CFOs,

This memo serves to clarify an [earlier communication](#) regarding the disposition of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 421 allocation with regard to balances in OPS and the opportunity to “cash-out” as occurred in the previous year. That memo stated that remaining balances at OPS would be included in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter allocation. Subsequent discussion with both OPS and board partners have led to a small but hopefully helpful change to the original plan. In order to not force boards who would like to keep a balance with OPS to receive an allocation instead and then enter into a billing relationship, we are allowing a one-time adjustment request to choose how much of the remaining OPS balance you would like to receive as allocation and how much should remain as a credit.

Please indicate to us in writing the amount of your remaining OPS balance you would like to receive as part of your 4<sup>th</sup> quarter allocation, and how much should remain as a credit with OPS. Any funds that remain at OPS that are not spent on pharmaceuticals or other OPS-provided products will be carried over into state fiscal year 2017. This request should be submitted to Sue Griffith ([Sue.Griffith@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:Sue.Griffith@mha.ohio.gov)) and myself ([Daniel.Schreiber@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:Daniel.Schreiber@mha.ohio.gov)) **no later than Wednesday, April 13**. If we do not receive a response from you by that date, we will assume that you are requesting no changes and the entire amount will be left with OPS as a credit balance.

Please note that this will be the only opportunity to request a cash-out option. Any carryover balance amounts that will exist at the beginning of FY17 will be reported to the board at the end of FY16 so that information will be readily available as you plan your distribution streams of 421 resources for FY17. Remember that if you choose to receive all of your remaining 421 as part of a cash-out option, you may still order drugs and supplies from OPS, who will then bill you directly for those services.

Reports showing updated remaining balances for FY16 will be available on the portal on April 4<sup>th</sup>. If you need information before then, or have any other OPS related questions, please contact Sue Griffith.

Thank you again for your work with us and the communities you serve. If you have any questions, please contact me at [Daniel.Schreiber@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:Daniel.Schreiber@mha.ohio.gov) or 614-644-8219.

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