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*CVS Health Receives Champion of Opportunity Award
from Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities*

TWINSBURG, OH – Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) recognized CVS Health as a Champion of Opportunity for its commitment and leadership in integrating individuals with disabilities into Ohio’s workforce.

“CVS Health has been proactive in taking steps to reduce barriers to fully integrate individuals with disabilities into their workforce. CVS Health has embraced a culture of inclusion and is making efforts to show other Ohio businesses that people they hire are tremendous employees who also happen to have disabilities,” said OOD Executive Director Kevin L. Miller.

The Champion of Opportunity Award honors companies that have gone “above and beyond” in their commitment and who serve as statewide examples of what it means to provide quality employment opportunities and increased independence for individuals with disabilities.

“Innovation comes from cultivating a workforce that fosters creativity and inclusion and reflects the diversity of our customers and the communities we serve,” says CVS Health VP of Workforce Strategies and Chief Diversity Officer David Casey. “As a pharmacy innovation company, we know that skilled, productive workers with disabilities can be brought successfully into the workforce, where they can make powerful contributions to our economy and our society.”

CVS Health’s partnership with OOD allows vocational rehabilitation counselors to visit their corporate office to see firsthand what positions are available and skills required. This knowledge helps OOD closely match candidates whose skills are aligned with those being sought. CVS Health has also attended OOD job fairs and welcomes individuals who are working with OOD to attend their hiring events.

The Opportunity Awards are a significant part of OOD’s annual business recognition program and were created to highlight Ohio companies committed to providing employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. The awards recognize companies at various levels; from those who have just begun to recruit, hire and retain individuals with disabilities to those with a proven track record of integrating individuals with disabilities into their workforce. For more information on the 2016 award winners, visit www.ood.ohio.gov/Employers/Opportunity-Awards.

OOD is committed to engaging and educating Ohio businesses on the benefits of recruiting, hiring and retaining individuals with disabilities. Representatives from the Business Engagement Team work directly with Ohio employers of any size to understand their workforce needs, quickly match job seekers with specific openings, and provide needed assistance and training.

OOD is the state agency responsible for assisting individuals with disabilities to gain meaningful employment, to live independently or receive disability benefits through the Social Security Administration. www.ood.ohio.gov

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