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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 is leading the way for the industry and has put disability inclusion into their culture of success. There are many stores that offer similar products, but I always go to my local CVS because I know of the good work they are doing to create opportunities. These jobs help people become independent, give them a sense of pride, and help them move out from the shadows,” said OOD Executive Director Kevin 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.

In accepting the award, CVS Health’s Workforce Initiatives Manager Duane Rohr said, “Disability inclusion is a priority at CVS. We don’t do it to receive awards. We do it because it’s the right thing to do and it’s good for business. All of our employees help make CVS a great place to work.”

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](http://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](http://www.ood.ohio.gov)*

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