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Summary Remarks of Scott Partika, Director, Ohio Department of
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The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) has robust program integrity and oversight measures in place to secure this vital program. Addressing fraud, waste, and abuse (FWA) has always been important, but this work has sharpened and expanded in response to recent program trends unfolding in Ohio. Over the last five years, Ohio has implemented significant program reforms resulting in growing transparency and tools for accountability. Program concerns identified by state partners like the Ohio Auditor of State and Ohio Attorney General have been targets for improvement identified by the Trump Administration through the Working Families Tax Cut legislation. However, our federal partners can continue to improve program protections and oversight. Ohio began investigation troubling data concerning the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) space late last year. The result has culminated in new actions and initiatives to address areas of weakness. Work to strengthen other high-risk program areas is already underway to ensure fidelity of the public's trust and funds.