

MINNEAPOLIS, MN, October 05, 2013 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- Representatives from Morning Star Financial Services, a national provider of fiscal intermediary services, announced they have signed agreements with the State of Ohio to become the state's sole Financial Management Service provider of self-directed services. Morning Star will provide payroll administrative services via Ohio's state plan services and Medicaid Waivers for persons with disabilities, the elderly and their caregivers. A fiscal intermediary or agent is an organization contracted by state or local government to make payments to employees, manage funds and account for expenditures on behalf of people receiving Medicaid funds.

"As an organization, we are honored to be chosen to support the state of Ohio in this important program. Morning Star has continued to grow its services and added new state clients due to the strength of our references, which are of course a reflection of the high quality of our services," said Cheryl Vennerstrom, COO of Morning Star Financial Services.

Morning Star entered the RFP process and won the contract with the state of Ohio in the spring of this year. Since that time, the organization has transitioned services for more than 2500 Ohio residents currently supported by three programs. Morning Star will be the only agency providing these services in the state of Ohio.

"Morning Star's national presence continues to grow with our engagement in the state of Ohio, as well as Tennessee, Oklahoma, and Utah. We also provide fiscal intermediary services to the state of Minnesota through our related company, Orion ISO," said Rebecca Thomley, President of Morning Star Financial Services. "We've stayed committed to growth that does not come at the expense of hands-on, high quality service. This has proven to be a differentiator with government clients seeking to engage with a new Financial Management Services provider."

About Morning Star Financial Services: Morning Star Financial Services is a national Financial Management Services (FMS) organization that provides self-directed fiscal intermediary services for those with disabilities and the elderly in Tennessee, Ohio, Utah, Oklahoma and in Minnesota via its related company <http://www.orioniso.com>. For more information visit <http://www.MorningstarFS.com>