



MMIS Insider

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*Oregon's Medicaid Management Information System:
A system for today **and** tomorrow*

MMIS implementation now scheduled for mid-December 2008

The Department of Human Services (DHS) has decided to implement the new Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) by mid-December. DHS will announce the exact date later this year. Between now and December, please conduct business as usual. DHS is also notifying clients of this schedule change.

The department's ultimate goal is to implement the highest quality system possible for DHS employees, providers and partners. These three additional months will be an investment in the overall quality and usability of the new system.

The new schedule gives you more time to prepare for the change

This decision gives DHS more time to ensure that the new system, and the staff who use it, will be able support the services you need to do business with DHS. It also allows:

- More time for Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) testing;
- More time to take MMIS training;
- More time to update your mailing address information with DHS; and
- More time to ensure that you understand how to get access to the Provider Web Portal for your office and necessary staff.

Provider Web Portal phase-in

To transition providers into use of the new system, DHS will implement the Web portal in two phases:

- **Phase 1** introduces Web portal account setup, clerk maintenance, and eligibility verification functions at go-live in December 2008.
- **Phase 2** brings in all remaining Web portal functionality by March 2009.

For more information about the Web portal functions that will be available, go to the MMIS Provider Resources Web site at www.oregon.gov/DHS/mmis/ffs/web-portal.shtml.

Take advantage of this time and attend MMIS provider training!

By the end of August, over 2,000 Oregon providers will have attended MMIS implementation training. Are you one of them? If not, you will get to take advantage of the new schedule by attending provider training later this year. DHS will schedule additional sessions for September, October, and November - watch for more details about these additional sessions in the coming weeks.

Right now, you can also take free online training through the DHS Learning Center at <https://dhslearn.hr.state.or.us> (search for course C00818). Take it as many times as you need from the convenience of your PC. You will need Internet Explorer 6 and the Adobe Flash Player to view the training.

*For more information, go to:
www.oregon.gov/DHS/mmis*

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Stay Informed using the MMIS Provider Resources Web site

Have you visited www.oregon.gov/DHS/mmis? This Web site is where you will find information about the new system that will help you prepare for the change. The latest updates to the site include:

- New questions and answers on the Frequently Asked Questions page, with new sections about Eligibility Verification, PIN Letters, Electronic Data Interchange, and more.
- Updated information about the specific Web portal functions that will be available in the December 2008 and March 2009 Provider Web Portal phase-ins.
- How to get ready for initial setup of Provider Web Portal access for your business.

When you eSubscribe to the MMIS Provider Resources Web site, you will find out first about MMIS implementation news as it becomes available, such as:

- The specific MMIS go-live date.
- The specific dates the Web portal functions will become available.
- When DHS mails out the initial PIN letters for the new eligibility verification systems.

You will also get updates whenever DHS adds new information to the MMIS Provider Resources Web site, such as new FAQ items, updated MMIS Companion Guides for EDI trading partners, and additions to the MMIS provider training schedule. Just go to www.oregon.gov/DHS/mmis and click on the eSubscribe envelope on the home page.