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**Subject: This memo applies to OTC Plan B<sup>®</sup> emergency contraceptives only**

As of May 10, 2007, the emergency contraceptive drug, Plan B<sup>®</sup>, can be distributed and billed as an over-the-counter (OTC) drug without a prescription to female Medicaid clients 18 years of age and older. The distribution of Plan B<sup>®</sup> to female Medicaid clients under 18 years of age still requires a prescription. Please note that the field “prescription number” on a Medicaid claim indicates that you distributed Plan B<sup>®</sup> OTC to a female Oregon Health Plan client who is 18 or older and that you are billing the Division of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP) for the product.

The Board of Pharmacy is aware that many pharmacy software programs assign a prescription number as part of the prescription billing process and pharmacists are not permitted to dispense prescriptions without a prescription prescribed pursuant to a valid patient-practitioner relationship. However, pharmacists are permitted to distribute Plan B<sup>®</sup> OTC (without a prescription) to female Medicaid patients 18 years of age and older (as described above) and to use their pharmacy software program to bill DMAP. In instances where a prescription number is generated as part of the billing process, the pharmacy must create a record in their prescription files indicating OTC Plan B<sup>®</sup> sale for Medicaid patient, and a pharmacist must verify the accuracy of the record created.

In order to receive payment from DMAP for the distribution of Plan B<sup>®</sup> to female Medicaid clients 18 years of age and older without a prescription, please follow the requirements below:

- Verify the age of the Medicaid recipient (FDA requirement)
- Use the following prescriber ID number for Plan B<sup>®</sup> distributed without prescription: BBBB with an NCPDP prescriber ID qualifier of “05” for Medicaid number.
- **Use the prescriber ID number noted above only when billing DMAP for Plan B<sup>®</sup> OTC for female Medicaid clients 18 and older.**

All other OTC drugs still require a prescription to qualify for Medicaid reimbursement. If you have additional questions regarding this policy, please contact [Angel Wynia](#), Interim DMAP Policy Analyst, at 503-947-1195.

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