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Dear Drug Manufacturer:



Drug manufacturers may submit offers for supplemental rebates to the Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP) for consideration of inclusion on OMAP's Plan Drug List (PDL). We are sending this letter to provide guidance on the process of submitting these offers to OMAP.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently approved Oregon's Medicaid State Plan and model template for supplemental rebate agreements. The rules governing the Supplemental Rebate Program, as well as the contract template, are on the DHS Web site at

<http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html>.

In the next six months, OMAP will review and update, as appropriate, the following PDL drug classes:

- Calcium Channel Blockers
- Alzheimer Drugs
- Long-Acting Opioids
- Anti-Platelet Drugs
- Beta-Blockers
- Skeletal Muscle Relaxants
- Overactive Bladder Drugs
- Proton Pump Inhibitors
- Oral Hypoglycemics

In order to broaden client access to medically appropriate drugs, OMAP will consider supplemental rebate offers that result in cost-savings without impacting the quality of prescription drug therapy. When the Health Resources Commission advises that a drug is eligible for inclusion, drug manufacturers will have the opportunity to be listed on the PDL if the net price is less than the benchmark price. OMAP will evaluate supplemental rebate offers based on net cost to the state.

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Drug manufacturers interested in submitting offers for supplemental rebates for drugs in the classes listed above need to submit offers by close of business on July 1, 2005 to:

Department of Human Services  
Office of Medical Assistance Programs  
Pharmacy Program Manager, Policy Unit  
500 Summer St. NE, E-35  
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If you are interested in continuing to receive the notices for Supplemental Rebate offers, you can get email notifications for Pharmacy Program Web page updates using eSubscribe.

- Just click on the envelope icon on OMAP's Pharmacy Provider Announcements Web page:  
[http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/notices\\_providers/pharmacies.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/notices_providers/pharmacies.shtml)
- You'll be asked to enter your email address (and a password, if you want one).

Several hundred providers have subscribed already, and the feedback has been positive. Through this service, DHS will be able to eliminate most of the costly and time-consuming print mailings we send now. It will also save you time, since eSubscribe will automatically and immediately notify you of changes or additions to the Pharmacy Provider Announcements page.

Thank you for continuing to work with OMAP to ensure that Oregon Health Plan clients receive quality prescription drug therapy.

Respectfully,

Jesse Anderson  
Manager, OMAP Policy Unit