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To: Nurse practitioners, medical providers, workers' compensation insurers, self-insured employers, service companies, and Managed Care Organizations

Subject: Urgent reminder to nurse practitioners to certify by October 1, 2004

ORS 656.245 expands the authority of licensed nurse practitioners to treat Oregon injured workers effective January 1, 2004. Effective October 1, 2004, the statute also requires licensed nurse practitioners treating Oregon injured workers to certify they have read informational materials provided by the Workers' Compensation Division (WCD). **This requirement applies to all nurse practitioners treating Oregon injured workers, whether treating in lieu of an attending physician or under the supervision of an attending physician.**

The required informational materials include: *Nurse Practitioners' Guide to Oregon On-the-Job Injuries* and relevant administrative rules, bulletins, and forms. Licensed nurse practitioners must certify their compliance with this requirement by mailing or faxing the statement form at the end of the guide to WCD. After WCD receives the signed statement, the division assigns a number to the authorized nurse practitioner and adds the individual's name to the list on the WCD Web site.

Currently only 24 individuals have completed this process and obtained authorized nurse practitioner (ANP) numbers. Therefore, this notice is an urgent reminder to those licensed nurse practitioners who wish to treat Oregon injured workers. **Beginning October 1, 2004, a licensed nurse practitioner MUST have an ANP number to provide compensable treatment to Oregon injured workers.**

Informational materials and the Nurse Practitioner Statement may be obtained by calling (503) 947-7627, or from the WCD Web site at http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/wcd/rdrs/mru/nurse_pract.html. The completed statement may be faxed to WCD, (503) 947-7725.

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