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**Message:** OMAP sent DRG hospital providers notice that CMS approved restoration of outlier payments, effective January 1, 2004. The letter is attached.

*If you have any questions about this information, contact:*

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March 8, 2004

To: DRG Hospitals

From: Georgia Rhay, Hospital Policy Analyst

Subject: GOOD NEWS - Outlier Payments Are Restored

The Department of Human Services, Oregon Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP) has had few opportunities during the last year to share good news. Therefore it is a pleasure to announce OMAP has received approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to restore Outlier reimbursement to all in-state and contiguous DRG Hospitals for all clients effective January 1, 2004.

The restoration of the outlier reimbursement is effective for qualifying inpatient admissions on or after January 1, 2004. Due to the delay in CMS approval (February 24, 2004) and the limitations of the OMAP claim processing system, it is necessary to request your cooperation to identify the claims which would qualify for an Outlier payment.

The paper and electronic claims processed by the OMAP claims system after February 26, 2004, will have processed a qualifying outlier reimbursement correctly. An adjustment will be necessary to process qualifying outliers for claims with dates of service from January 1, 2004, to February 27, 2004. Please send a 1036 adjustment form through the usual process with a statement in Remarks: Please reprocess for outlier payment.

With your cooperation we can reprocess these claims in an efficient and timely manner. Please contact me at (503) 945-7002 or [georgia.rhay@state.or.us](mailto:georgia.rhay@state.or.us) with concerns or questions.

The Department of Human Services appreciates your concern for the health care needs of our vulnerable population and your continued service to Oregon Health Plan (OHP) clients in these trying times.

Thank you.

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