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Subject: Provider Letter - OMAP Improves Access to the Plan Drug List

Applies to:

DHS staff and others on the SPD, CAF, OMHAS and OMAP transmittal lists

Message:

OMAP will send the following provider letter to all prescribing Oregon Health Plan providers. It tells providers that the Plan Drug List (PDL) is available on the OMAP web site and on the Epocrates Rx drug database. It explains how to access both forms of the list and where to go for additional information about the PDL and Epocrates Rx.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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OMAP Improves Access to the Plan Drug List

Starting September 2005, prescribing providers can access OMAP's Plan Drug List on handheld PC devices and on the OMAP web site. We hope that improved access to the list will increase use of the list at the point of care, when prescribers first determine treatment for OHP clients.

What is the Plan Drug List?

This is OMAP's preferred drug list. Required by the state's Practitioner-Managed Prescription Drug Plan (PMPDP), the Plan Drug List (PDL) identifies the most effective, safe, and cost-effective drugs for open-card OHP clients.

All drugs on the PDL are covered by the Oregon Health Plan. Oregon researchers and experts have carefully considered the comparative safety and effectiveness of the drugs recommended for inclusion on this list. Of the drugs recommended, only those representing the best value to the OHP are included.

How to access the list

Providers can now access OMAP's Plan Drug List (PDL) through Epocrates® drug reference software using Palm or PocketPC handheld devices.

- Once you have downloaded the Epocrates drug database to your handheld device, you can check formulary status, prior authorization requirements, formulary alternatives, generic substitutes and quantity limits.
- The software also features a drug reference that includes information such as indication, dosing, contraindications, drug interactions, adverse reactions and cost information.

Providers without handheld devices can access the PDL on Epocrates® web-based PC software for an annual subscription fee. They can also access a non-database version of the Plan Drug List for free on the DHS web site, at:

http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools_prov/PDL.shtml

About Epocrates

Epocrates Rx is a drug reference database, available for free on Palm and Pocket PC handheld devices that sync to Windows computers. It can be downloaded from the Epocrates website at <http://www.epocrates.com>.

For more information

For more information about OMAP's PDL, go to <http://www.oregonrx.org>

For more information about Epocrates Rx features, hardware requirements, and clinical content, go to <http://www2.epocrates.com/products/rx/>

For more information about the PMPDP, go to <http://www.oregon.gov/DAS/OHPPR/HRC/docs/PMPDPoverview.pdf>

