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Subject: Provider announcement: Changes to Pharmacy Point of Sale

Applies to:

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

Message:

This week, OMAP will send the following letter to OHP pharmacy providers. It explains that the Point of Sale system is changing and that providers may need to change their billing systems accordingly to receive appropriate payment for claims involving coordination of benefits (COB).

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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To: OHP Pharmacy Providers

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Subject: Changes to Pharmacy Claims Payment for Dual-Eligible Clients

As part of implementing the new Medicare prescription drug program, OMAP will be making changes to its Point of Sale (POS) system. These changes will allow OMAP to better coordinate benefits for clients with private insurance, Medicare Part B, and/or Medicaid prescription drug coverage, so that your claims are paid correctly.

The changes will also affect how your Medicare-Medicaid claims are paid. One change is that OMAP will no longer automatically pay for claims denied by Medicare. You will find out more about these changes in the coming months. To start preparing for these changes, we encourage you to do the following:

- Contact your billing software vendor and/or corporate office to make sure that you can bill multiple payers, including private insurers, Medicare and OMAP, for services provided.
- Enroll as a Medicare provider, if you haven't already done so.
- Ask the Medicare Part D plans in your service area about contracting with them so that you can be paid for Medicare Part D services. In October, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Web site (www.cms.hhs.gov) will post the the list of Part D plans for you to initiate contact with the plans.

Questions?

If you have questions about this information, please contact one of the following:

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