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**Topic:** Medical Benefits

**Subject:** Reminder to prescribers about Plan Drug List on Epocrates Rx

**Applies to:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS Employees             | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging        | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors and People with Disabilities                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): <u>OMAP and plans</u> |

**Message:**

OMAP will include the following provider announcement in remittance advices for prescribing providers during the weeks of 12/5/05 and 12/12/05. It reminds providers that the Plan Drug List is available on the Epocrates Rx database. It includes instructions for how to download the list to your handheld PC.

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

<b>Contact(s):</b>	OMAP Provider Services		
<b>Phone:</b>	1-800-336-6016	<b>Fax:</b>	503-945-6873
<b>E-mail:</b>	omap-provcallcenter@state.or.usw		

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  - c. Epocrates® Essentials – Epocrates Rx Pro + Epocrates Dx™ + Epocrates Lab™
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7. Follow directions to complete the download and installation.
8. For Epocrates Rx Online subscriptions, you may access the program by clicking on the “Rx Online” link at the top of any page of the website.
9. On the formulary selection page, select the Oregon Health Plan formulary (under “Oregon” and “Health Plans”)
10. AutoUpdate your PDA frequently to receive updates from the Oregon Health Plan and Epocrates.

**Category B: You currently use Epocrates Rx or Epocrates Rx Pro on your handheld device, but have never loaded the Oregon Health Plan formulary**

1. Connect to the Internet and go to: [www.epocrates.com](http://www.epocrates.com)
2. Click the “Add Formularies” link at the top of the page
3. Login to the website using your user name and password
4. Select the Oregon Health Plan formulary (under “Oregon” and “Health Plans”)
5. Click on “Add to My List” and then click on “Done”
6. AutoUpdate your PDA to install the Oregon Health Plan formulary to your PDA

**Category C: You currently use Epocrates Rx Online on your desktop computer, but have never added the Oregon Health Plan formulary to your list of formularies**

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2. Click on “Rx Online” in the menu at the top of the page to go to Epocrates Rx Online.
3. Login using your user name and password (if applicable\*)
4. Click on the “Formularies” tab from the list of tabs at the top of the screen
5. Select the Oregon Health Plan formulary (under “Oregon” and “Health Plans”)
6. Click on “Add to My List”
7. The formulary will then be available in the Formulary drop down menu on the main Drug screen

\*If your medical facility is offering free access to Epocrates Rx Online, you may not have permission to modify the formulary lists.