

Health Services
Office of Medical Assistance Programs

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Topic: Medical Benefits

Subject: Provider Announcement: Edifecs contract expires 4/15/06

Applies to (check all that apply):

- All DHS employees
- Area Agencies on Aging
- Children, Adults and Families
- County DD Program Managers
- County Mental Health Directors
- Health Services
- Seniors and People with Disabilities
- Other (please specify): OMAP + Plans

Message: OMAP posted a notice (attached) on the Web site to all health care providers regarding the expiration of the Edifecs contract for EDI third party testing.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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For HIPAA EDI Third Party Testing
December 1, 2005

The OR-DHS contract with Edifecs expires

The Oregon Department of Human Services (OR-DHS) contracted with Edifecs to provide a third party testing Web site as part of OR-DHS' HIPAA Implementation Project and The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) compliance plan for electronic data interchange (EDI). Our contract with this vendor will expire on April 15, 2006.

Please continue to use the OR-DHS third-party testing site hosted by Edifecs until the cut-off date, as needed. After April 15, Edifecs will no longer offer compliance testing specific to Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP) transaction requirements.

For information about other options you may access through Edifecs, please contact them as indicated on their Web site, <http://www.edifecs.com/>.

How the OR-DHS third-party test site hosted by Edifecs works

The Edifecs site allows providers, at no charge, to test their electronic transactions for compliance with HIPAA EDI format and content. Providers need to adhere to the Implementation Guides and OR-DHS Companion Guides, for their respective transactions.

Providers may test at their own pace, using instructions outlined in the OR-DHS Third Party Testing Guide found online at http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/admin/hipaa/testing_reg.shtml#3ptesting.

The Implementation Guides are posted at <http://www.wpc-edi.com/> and the OR-DHS Companion Guides can be found at http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/admin/hipaa/guides_man.shtml#cg.

Currently, providers must pass third party testing prior to beginning business-to-business testing with OMAP. This site can also be used to verify new claim types the provider has never submitted to OMAP, or as needed. Please see our testing guidelines at http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/admin/hipaa/testing_reg.shtml#3ptesting.

If you are not able to complete your testing on the OR-DHS third-party testing site hosted by Edifecs before April 15, 2006, you will need to continue testing directly with OMAP's EDI Testing team.

Questions?

If you have any questions about the upcoming changes to our testing process, please contact the EDI Testing Team at (503) 947-5347 or dhs.hipaatesting@state.or.us.