

Health Services  
Office of Medical Assistance Programs

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**Topic:** Medical Benefits

**Subject:** Non-emergent medical transportation coverage for dual-eligible clients

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

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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>DHS field staff responsible for approving non-emergent medical transportation for OHP clients</u> |

**Message:**

When the new Part D Medicare benefit is implemented January 1, 2006, Medicaid will continue to cover non-emergent medical transportation for clients with both Medicare and Medicaid coverage whenever they travel to obtain pharmaceutical services. Covered travel includes rides that are only for pharmaceutical services, as well as rides that are in conjunction with other medical services.

Before approving such transportation, please remember the following:

1. Some pharmacies may still provide free delivery of prescriptions. Clients should check with their prescription drug plan and their pharmacy.
2. OMAP's contracted home delivery pharmacy, Wellpartner, has contracted with many of the Medicare prescription drug plans. Each plan's mail order requirements may be different, so clients should contact Wellpartner or their plan directly. OMAP encourages use of home delivery pharmacy services for clients who are on maintenance medications and who can reasonably use home-delivery services.

For more information about Wellpartner, call 1-877-935-5797. Prescription order forms and additional information are available on the OMAP Web site at

<<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/clients/mailrx.shtml>>.

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

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