



Division of Medical Assistance Programs

**Information Memorandum
Transmittal**

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Issue Date: 5/6/2014

Topic: Medical Benefits

Subject: Client announcement: DMAP will discontinue coverage for over-the-counter fish oil products for OHP clients, effective June 1, 2014

Applies to:

- All DHS employees
- Area Agencies on Aging
- Children, Adults and Families
- County DD Program Managers
- County Mental Health Directors
- Aging and People with Disabilities
- Other (please specify): DHS and OHA staff and others identified on the APD, CAF, AMH and DMAP transmittal lists

Message:

Effective June 1, 2014, the Division of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP) will no longer cover over-the-counter (OTC), fish oil products for Oregon Health Plan (OHP) clients.

Around May 5, we will send the attached client announcement to approximately 600 affected clients who are identified as current or recent fish oil users telling them that beginning June 1, 2014, DMAP will continue coverage only for certain prescription fish oil products and only with prior authorization (PA). Clients are instructed to discuss this with their doctor.

We will also send this information to providers via Provider Matters.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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**Oregon Health Plan (OHP) will end coverage for over-the-counter fish oil
on May 31, 2014**

Dear Oregon Health Plan client,

We are writing to let you know that coverage for over-the-counter (OTC) fish oil products will end on May 31, 2014.

Our records show that you recently received an OTC fish oil product. Prescription fish oil products are still available, however in order for you to be covered for these products, your doctor must get prior-authorization (PA). If you receive Medicare drug benefits (Part D), you will need to meet your Part D plan's criteria.

What this means

Beginning on June 1, if you wish to continue using OTC fish oil products, you will need to purchase the product at your own expense.

If you wish to switch to a prescription fish oil product, please discuss with your doctor if the prescription fish oil is appropriate for you and if OHP will cover it for you.

Questions

- Medicare recipients who receive benefits from Area Agency on Aging or Aging and People with Disabilities: Call your local office.
- Foster parents: Call your local Child Welfare Office.
- For TTY service, dial 711.
- For questions about benefits, contact Client Services at 1-800-273-0557, available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 - 5:00 p.m.
- For questions about eligibility, contact the Office of Client and Community Services at 1-800-273-0557.
- Call OHP Customer Service at 1-800-699-9075 (available from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday) if you need this letter in another language or format, such as large print, Braille, audio recording, Web-based communications, and other electronic formats.

If you have any questions at all, please call us. We want to make sure that you have the information you need.