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To: Coordinated Care Organizations

From: Lori Coyner, Medicaid Director

Subject: Prescriber enrollment requirements to be enforced starting September 3, 2019

As you are aware, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has been working toward implementing a Federal requirement to deny payment on prescription claims that do not contain the valid prescriber ID of an enrolled Oregon Health Plan (OHP) provider.

After thoughtful review of the work so far and how this may affect OHP members, OHA will begin to enforce this requirement on September 1, 2019, according to the following timeline:

- **June 2019:** Communication to CCOs, DHS/OHA staff, and other partners, to include talking points. OHA will also share information at upcoming CCO meetings. Provider (pharmacy and prescriber) communications sent containing information about the prescriber and NPI edits, and how to ensure prescription access for members.
- **July 2019:** Notification to CCO and FFS members about September 1, 2019 requirement, and how to get help if their prescriber is not enrolled with the CCO or OHA. Reminder notifications sent to providers.
- **August 2019:** Continued reminder notifications sent to providers.
- **September 3, 2019:** OHA activates the prescriber edit and allows pharmacy overrides for all prescriptions during the first month. Continued reminder notifications sent to providers.
- **October 4, 2019:** OHA discontinues the pharmacy override for non-urgent medications. Pharmacies will still be able to override the prescriber edit for all urgent medications.

**Why is this happening?**

OHA estimates that fewer than 2,000 OHP members (FFS and CCO) have recent prescriptions from non-enrolled prescribers, so the risk of activating the edit is low. This new timeline gives OHP members two months to prepare for the change.

**What should you do?**

Please share this information with your colleagues. When talking points and other information become available, please share with your customer service teams.

**Questions?**

If you have questions, please contact Tamara McNatt, Provider Services and Implementation Manager (tamara.w.mcnatt@dhs.oha.state.or.us or 503-945-6552). Thank you for your continued support of the Oregon Health Plan and the services you provide to our members.