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To: Oregon Health Plan fee-for-service providers

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Subject: Short-term Medicaid stability loans for providers with reduced business caused by COVID-19

OHA is pleased to announce interim stability payments (short-term loans) for fee-for-service providers experiencing difficulties associated with COVID-19.

- **Who is eligible:** Most eligible billing providers with an active fee-for-service contract in good standing with OHA as of March 1, 2020.
- **Who is not eligible:** Pharmacies, pharmacists, durable medical equipment providers, and some providers receiving other reimbursement options¹.

Each billing provider is eligible for a maximum payment amount, based on the average monthly Medicaid fee-for-service payments received in calendar year 2019 multiplied by the number of months the billing provider is applying for. Providers can choose to apply for less than the maximum amount.

Repayment of the stability loan payments will be made through an accounts receivable withhold (AR) set up against future billing from the provider. The AR will be applied to fee-for-service claim payments starting with the first claim received after the loan is issued. Providers will be required to repay the entire loan amount to OHA. To learn more, [read OHA's Medicaid Stability Loan Instructions](#).

Why is this happening?

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services approved Oregon's [Medicaid State Plan Amendment](#) requesting the ability to help fee-for-service providers cover costs associated with COVID-19 and support their financial stability.

What should you do?

If you wish to take part in the loan program, please [read the instructions](#), [complete the application form](#) and return to OHA for processing at Medicaid.StabilityLoan@dhsaha.state.or.us.

Questions?

If you have any questions about this announcement, please email Medicaid.StabilityLoan@dhsaha.state.or.us.

Thank you for your continued support of the Oregon Health Plan and the services you provide to our members.

¹ Includes mental health and substance use disorder residential treatment providers; Tribal 638 and Urban Indian Health Programs utilizing PPS and/or utilizing the IHS/MOU rate; nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and residential care facilities, including adult group homes and group care homes for children; any providers receiving Medicare reimbursement from newly created HCPCS codes U0001 and U0002; independent LPNs, RNs and agency LPNs providing private duty nursing services for medically fragile children.