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To: Coordinated care organizations (CCOs)
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Subject: Oregon Health Plan (OHP) coverage of pharmacist-administered monoclonal antibody treatment effective September 1, 2021

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Effective September 1, 2021, OHP will reimburse enrolled pharmacists for subcutaneous administration of COVID-19 monoclonal antibodies (mAb) with REGEN-COV™ (casirivimab and imdevimab) when provided to members eligible for mAb treatment.

- Consideration for treatment with mAb should be centered in equity, with an understanding that communities of color, tribal communities and the disability communities are among the most highly impacted by COVID-19 because of systemic racism and structural discrimination.
- OHP covers mAb and administration services, including subcutaneous injection or intravenous infusion and monitoring, in all settings where mAb may be appropriately and safely administered (including hospital, clinic, pharmacy, the patient's home, or other settings).

Why is this happening?

On 8/31/2021, the Public Health and Pharmacy Formulary Advisory Committee approved [a protocol for pharmacists prescribing and providing subcutaneous administration of REGEN-COV™ for COVID-19 treatment and post-exposure prophylaxis](#).

On 9/1/2021, the Oregon Board of Pharmacy [filed Oregon Administrative Rule \(OAR\) 855-020-0300 \(Protocol Compendium\)](#) to add this protocol to the list of approved statewide drug therapy management protocols for Oregon pharmacists.

What should you do?

CCOs should update their systems, guidance and protocols to allow pharmacists to provide REGEN-COV™ as permitted by [Chapter 855 Division 020 – Pharmacist Prescriptive Authority](#). All prescribing pursuant to the Formulary and Protocol Compendia must adhere to regulations outlined in [OAR 855-020-0110](#) and [OAR 855-020-0120](#).

- [Review the new drug therapy management protocol for REGEN-COV™](#). This includes the training and education pharmacists must complete before prescribing or administering REGEN-COV™.
- Review the Oregon Health Authority's [Oregon Medicaid COVID-19 Provider Guide](#). This includes current coverage criteria, billing codes and rates for mAb treatment.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please email dmap.rxquestions@dhsosha.state.or.us.

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