

**Health Services
Office of Medical Assistance Programs**

Kathy Loretz, Manager
OMAP Health Financing Operations Section

Number: OMAP-IM-04-133
Issue Date: 9/08/05

Authorized Signature

Topic: Medical Benefits

Subject: "O" screen messages, 9/09/05

Applies to (check all that apply):

- | | |
|--|---|
| <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): DHS staff and others identified on the SPD, CAF, OMHAS and OMAP transmittal lists |

Message: You will notice that some of the "O" screens you work on carry a new message for health care providers: "Per HIPAA requirements, this screen will be discontinued December 31, 2005." **This action will NOT affect access for DHS staff and our contracted partners who operate under a Business Association Agreement.** If you are an employee or contractor working on behalf of the department, you will still be able to access these screens: OREF, OLM 2/4/6/8, OLGR, OLGX, and OLG.T.

OMAP is eliminating access to providers because the screens are not HIPAA-compliant; that is, they are not secured appropriately for exchanging electronic client information outside the agency. The department must be in compliance with HIPAA regulations by the end of the year.

We are also posting another reminder (attached) on our Provider Announcement Web page.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

Contact(s):	Patricia Krewson, Mgr., OMAP Technical/Encounter Data Services Unit		
Phone:	(503) 945-5805		
E-mail:	Patricia.krewson@state.or.us		

Effective September 9, 2005, a reminder will display on the "O" screens (OREF, OLGX, OLGR, OLG, OLM 2/4/6/8) regarding the termination of access to providers with On Line Access Agreements effective December 31, 2005.

It says, "Per HIPAA requirements, this screen will be discontinued 12/31/05."

If you need more information, please see the [OMAP HIPAA Bulletin 4](#) or contact DHS EDI Testing at (503) 947-5347 or DHS.HIPAATesting@state.or.us regarding HIPAA compliance timelines. Providers will need to find alternate ways of checking client eligibility and claims status as outlined in the Bulletin.