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Topic: Medical Benefits

Subject: Provider announcement: Federal requirement for written prescriptions for Medicaid-covered outpatient drugs

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): DHS staff and others identified on the SPD, CAF, AMH and DMAP transmittal lists |

Message:

DMAP will send the following letter to all enrolled prescribing providers and pharmacies, and those eSubscribed to DMAP's Web pages for [general provider announcements](#) and [pharmacy provider announcements](#). The letter informs these providers that effective October 1, 2007, providers must complete written (nonelectronic) prescriptions for Medicaid-covered outpatient drugs using a tamper-resistant prescription pad.

- DMAP is still planning how to implement this requirement, and is holding a public meeting on August 22, 2007 to solicit ideas for implementation.
- Once we receive further guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) about this requirement, we also plan to send additional information to providers.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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Important Information Regarding federal requirements for prescriptions to Medicaid clients

The Division of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP) is preparing to implement a change in Section 1903(i) of the Social Security Act which states the following:

- The federal government will not fund Medicaid payments “for covered outpatient drugs . . . for which the prescription was executed in written (and nonelectronic) form unless the prescription was executed on a tamper-resistant pad.”
- This change would apply to prescriptions executed after September 30, 2007.

What this means to you

Beginning October 1, 2007, written prescriptions for Medicaid clients must be on tamper-resistant pads in order to be eligible for payment. At this time, only electronic prescriptions (transmitted directly from the prescriber to the pharmacy) are known to be exempt from this requirement. This requirement only applies to prescriptions for outpatient drugs.

Once we receive guidelines from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on this new requirement, we will provide you with more information.

Next steps

DMAP has scheduled a public meeting to solicit ideas from stakeholders and interested parties about how to implement this new law:

Date: Wednesday, August 22, 2007
Time: 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Place: Human Services Building
Rooms 137 C & D
500 Summer St NE
Salem, Oregon

DMAP will consider public input received from this meeting in developing an implementation plan.

Please share this information with others who may be interested in providing input to DMAP. We will also post meeting information on the OHP Public Meetings Web page at www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/meetings/main.shtml.

Questions?

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