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Topic: Medical Benefits

Subject: MCO announcement: Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA)

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): DMAP and plans |

Message:

DMAP will send the following announcement to fully capitated health plans (FCHPs) by e-mail and through the MCO announcements Web page at www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/mco-announcements/main.shtml.

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OREGON HEALTH PLAN (OHP) ELECTRONIC MEMORANDUM



Date: February 23, 2009
To: FCHPs
From: Jean Phillips, DMAP Deputy Administrator
Re: Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act

The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) of 2008 limited rental payments to 36 months for stationary and portable oxygen equipment furnished on or after January 1, 2006 to Medicare beneficiaries.

For clients who have been using oxygen equipment on a continuous basis since January 1, 2006, this 36-month payment cap was reached on January 1, 2009.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has published a fact sheet about how this policy affects Medicare clients and suppliers. You can find the fact sheet on the Medicare Web site at www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11405.pdf.

DMAP is currently examining how these changes affect the Oregon Health Plan and payments for Medicare-Medicaid clients. A workgroup will meet later this month to discuss and form recommendations on how to address these changes. DMAP will communicate the workgroup's recommendations as soon as they become final.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Oregon Health Plan.

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