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**Topic:** Medical Benefits

**Subject:** Provider announcement – OHP coverage of antiviral treatments for influenza

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

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| <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, AMH and DMAP transmittal lists |

**Message:**

DMAP will post the following letter on the [OHP Provider Announcements](#) and [Pharmacy Program Announcements](#) pages, distribute via eSubscribe, and mention in the Banner Messages of outgoing paper remittance advices to providers.

- The letter lets prescribers and pharmacies know that OHP covers antiviral treatment for the flu for fee-for-service clients.
- DMAP has also confirmed that all contracted managed care plans cover this service.

Even though influenza is below the funding line on the Prioritized List of Health Services, OHP covers this service when a patient has other health conditions that place them at greater risk of complications. For more information, go to the OHP Administrative Rulebook at [www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/ohp/main.html](http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/ohp/main.html) and read rule 410-141-0480 (8).

The Prioritized List of Health Services also allows coverage of influenza treatment in compliance with state and national public health recommendations. For more information, see Statement of Intent 3 in the current Prioritized List posted at [www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/HSC/current\\_prior.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/HSC/current_prior.shtml).

*If you have any questions about this information, contact:*

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# ***Flu season update***

## **Reminders for prescribers and pharmacies**

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### **OHP covers antiviral treatments for H1N1 and seasonal flu**

The Oregon Health Plan (OHP) covers prescriptions for Oseltamivir (TAMIFLU®) and Zanamivir (RELENZA®) to treat influenza for fee-for-service clients in the following benefit plans:

- BMH - OHP Plus
- KIT - OHP Standard
- CWX - CAWEM Plus

All OHP medical managed care plans also cover antiviral treatments for influenza for clients in these benefit plans.

### **CAWEM and Medicare Part D clients not covered**

OHP does not cover antiviral treatment for the following benefit plans:

- CWM - Citizen-Alien Waived Emergency Medical (CAWEM)
- MED - Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB)
- BMD - OHP with Limited Drug - Bill Medicare Part D.
- BMM - QMB plus OHP with Limited Drug - Bill Medicare Part D.

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### **Questions?**

- If you have questions about fee-for-service prescription coverage, call the Oregon Pharmacy Call Center at 888-202-2126. The Call Center is available 24 hours a day, seven days per week.
- If you have questions about managed care prescription coverage, contact the client's medical plan. You can find plan telephone numbers in the Provider Contacts booklet posted at [www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/data\\_pubs/add\\_ph\\_conts.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/data_pubs/add_ph_conts.pdf).