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**Message:**

DMAP will post the attached announcement on the Web for [OHP Provider Announcements](#) and [Pharmacy Provider Announcements](#) subscribers, send subsequent e-mail through eSubscribe, and distribute a banner message on outgoing paper remittance advices.

The announcement explains that DMAP has contracted with the firm of Myers and Stauffer, LC, Certified Public Accountants, to conduct a study that includes surveying all pharmacy providers to determine their dispensing costs. This is to evaluate all potential pricing methodologies to replace Average Wholesale Price (AWP) methodology.

Meyers and Stauffer will send the survey to pharmacy providers during the week of January 18, 2010. With the attached announcement, DMAP supports the request that providers promptly complete the survey and return it **no later than February 26**.

Providers are instructed to contact Meyers and Stauffer with questions about the survey. Ralph Magrish, DMAP Pharmacy Program Manager is the back-up contact for questions.

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

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To: Pharmacy Providers

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Subject: **2010 Dispensing Cost Survey**

DMAP has contracted with the firm of Myers and Stauffer, LC, Certified Public Accountants, to conduct a comprehensive study to determine the true cost of dispensing prescriptions to OHP fee-for-service clients and for drugs currently “carved out” of Oregon Health Plan (OHP) Managed Care contracts.

DMAP commissioned this study as part of our commitment to review and evaluate all potential pricing methodologies to replace Average Wholesale Price (AWP) methodology that is scheduled to be discontinued by September 2011.

### **Survey:**

You will receive a packet of information from Meyers and Stauffer during the week of January 18 that includes a survey for you to complete and return.

Please complete the survey as quickly and accurately as possible. Your participation will help to assure a statistically valid and defensible analysis of your dispensing costs. Both DMAP and Myers and Stauffer guarantee confidentiality of your survey responses.

Please return the completed survey in the prepaid envelope going directly to Myers and Stauffer, **no later than February 26, 2010.**

### **Contacts:**

For questions related to the survey, please contact Meyers and Stauffer, LC, Certified Public Accountants at 1-800-374-6858.

If you do not get the help you need from Meyers and Stauffer, contact Ralph Magrish, Pharmacy Program Manager at (503) 945-6291 or e-mail [Ralph.M.Magrish@state.or.us](mailto:Ralph.M.Magrish@state.or.us).

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