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Topic: Medical Benefits

Subject: Provider announcement: PDL Prior Authorization/34-day supply limit, effective April 1, 2010

**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:**

The Provider Announcement about OHP Preferred Drug List (PDL) program changes are effective April 1, 2010 and affect prescriptions for fee-for-service (FFS) clients. DMAP will distribute the Announcement to prescribers and pharmacies through eSubscribe to [OHP Provider Announcements](#) and [Pharmacy Provider Announcements](#) subscribers. Changes include:

- Fee-for-service prescriptions are limited to a 34-day supply limit (with exceptions noted in the PA). Prescriptions (and refills) written before April 1, are not affected. Clients who have been receiving a 90 or 100-day supply, such as family planning prescriptions, may call you. Please tell them there has been a rule change. To continue receiving up to a 100-day supply, clients should order from OHP's mail-order pharmacy, Wellpartner, at 1-877-935-5797 or <https://www.wellpartner.com/>.
- Prior Authorization is required for drugs not listed on the PDL except for mental health drugs. *If you have any questions about this information, contact:*

<b>Contact(s):</b>	DMAP Provider Services Unit		
<b>Phone:</b>	800-336-6016	<b>Fax:</b>	
<b>E-mail:</b>	dmap.providerservices@state.or.us		



# Reminder to Pharmacies/Prescribers

## PA required for non-preferred drugs and the 34-day supply limit

An enforceable Preferred Drug List (PDL) for physical health drugs and a voluntary PDL for mental health drugs were implemented on January 1, 2010. This affected OHP fee-for-service prescriptions. For your reference and convenience, a PDL pocket guide is available at [www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools\\_prov/pocket-guide.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools_prov/pocket-guide.pdf). To access the PDL from your mobile device using Epocrates, go to [www.epocrates.com](http://www.epocrates.com) (look for "Oregon Medicaid - Open Card").

### Prior authorization (PA) required for non-preferred physical health drugs

Beginning January 1, 2010, prescriptions for drugs not listed on OHP's physical health PDL required Prior Authorization (PA). Effective April 13, 2010, the claims system will deny claims for these drugs without PA. **The PA requirement does not apply to mental health drugs.**

To submit a PA, call the Oregon Pharmacy Call Center at **1-888-202-2126** or FAX your request to 1-888-346-0178. PAs may also be submitted via the secure Provider Web Portal at <https://www.or-medicaid.gov>.

All PA requests will be responded to within 24 hours. PA requests will be approved if the prescriber, in his or her professional judgement, determines the drug is medically appropriate.

Check the status of submitted PAs with OHP's Automated Voice Response (AVR) at 1-866-692-3864 or the Provider Web Portal.

### 34-day supply limit

Beginning April 1, 2010, most drugs dispensed cannot exceed a 34-day supply. Effective April 13, 2010, the claims system will deny claims for prescriptions that exceed a 34-day supply except for those circumstances where DMAP allows up to a 100-day supply, such as:

- Prescriptions filled by:
  - ◆ Wellpartner (OHP's mail order pharmacy contractor)
  - ◆ Indian Health mail order pharmacy providers
  - ◆ 340b pharmacy providers
- Preferred PDL generics
- Generic maintenance medications in non-PDL classes that cost less than \$10 per month

The following Standard Therapeutic Classes of drugs (according to First Databank) cannot exceed a 34-day supply under any circumstances, including those listed above:

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| ■ Ataractics, Tranquilizers – 07         | ■ Amphetamine Preps – 12        |
| ■ Muscle Relaxants – 08                  | ■ Narcotic Analgesics – 40      |
| ■ CNS Stimulants – 10                    | ■ Sedative Barbiturate – 46     |
| ■ Psychostimulants, Antidepressants – 11 | ■ Sedative Non-Barbiturate – 47 |

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## Copayments

Some patients may have copayments. You can help your patients avoid copayments by prescribing preferred products whenever medically appropriate and by suggesting use of Wellpartner's Mail Order Pharmacy service.

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## How patients can use Wellpartner

Patients can receive up to a three-month supply of their prescriptions without copayments or delivery fees by using Wellpartner, OHP's contracted mail-order pharmacy. Patients can create an account with Wellpartner by calling 1-877-935-5797.

Prescribers can fax prescriptions to Wellpartner at 1-866-624-5797. Wellpartner cannot accept prescription transfers from pharmacies.

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## For more information

- Pharmaceutical Services provider guidelines and other resources:  
[www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html](http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html)
- Oregon Medicaid Pharmacy Rules:  
[www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html](http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html)
- OHP Provider Services for billing and copayment questions: 1-800-366-6016
- Wellpartner: [www.wellpartner.com](http://www.wellpartner.com) or 1-877-935-5797
- Provider Web Portal Access registration or training:  
[www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools\\_prov/training.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools_prov/training.shtml)



## We Can Help!

*We are ready to answer your patient's prescription questions. Patients can call 1-800-273-0557 during regular business hours.*