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To: Primary care practitioners

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Subject: Federal primary care rate increase ending December 31, 2014

This letter is to let you know that the Division of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP) will stop applying the federal primary care rate increase for Evaluation and Management (E/M) services rendered after December 31, 2014. This means that for service dates starting January 1, 2015:

- For providers who qualify for the Oregon primary care rates, DMAP will pay for E/M services according to [Oregon primary care rates](#).
- For E/M services rendered by providers who do not qualify for the Oregon primary care rates, or for services not on the Oregon primary care list, DMAP will pay the default RVU-weight based rates.
- [Vaccines for Children rates](#) will not change.

We are still accepting [attestations from qualified providers](#) through December 31, 2014. For new attestations received by December 31, DMAP will apply the federal increase to eligible claims with service dates between October 1 and December 31. (If you have already attested and are already receiving the higher rates, you do not need to attest again.)

We are also planning when and how we will reprocess eligible claims to retroactively apply the federal increase (for example, for dates of service prior to July 9, 2013, which is when our claims system began applying the increase to eligible claims). Reprocessing depends in part on some system updates. We will let you know more about this activity when our system is ready to begin reprocessing.

Why is this happening?

Section 1202 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) authorized and funded this increase only for calendar years 2013 and 2014.

Questions?

If you have any questions about this announcement, contact the Provider Services Unit at dmap.providerservices@state.or.us or call 1-800-336-6016, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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