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**To:** Oregon Health Plan (OHP) medical-surgical providers  
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**Subject:** Fee-for-service relative value unit weight-based rates effective April 1, 2016

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has updated all relative value unit (RVU) weight-based rates with corrected 2016 Medicare facility and non-facility total RVU weights. These updates will apply to claims with dates of service on or after April 1, 2016, [based on the claim's place of service](#).

OHA will continue to use the following conversion factors (base rates).

Type of service	Base rate	Affected codes
Labor and delivery	\$40.79	59400-59622
Primary care services rendered by <a href="#">primary care providers</a> ( <a href="#">Oregon definition</a> )	\$27.82	<a href="#">Oregon primary care codes</a>
All other RVU weight-based professional services (default rate)	\$25.48	-

**Why is this happening?**

The January 1, 2016, RVU weights were published in the Federal Register, Vol. 80, November 16, 2015. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services made corrections to the weights effective January 22, 2016. [MLN Matters MM9495](#) describes the reasons for the corrections.

**What should you do?**

No action is required on your part.

If you wish to download the RVU weights, go to [Medicare's release of the 2016 Physician Fee Schedule Relative Value File](#). Click the **RVU16A** folder and unzip file; open the file named **PPRRVU16\_V0122**. The RVUs for the rate calculations are found in columns F, G, I, and K.

**Questions?**

If you have any questions about this announcement, contact the Provider Services Unit at [dmap.providerservices@state.or.us](mailto:dmap.providerservices@state.or.us) or call 1-800-336-6016. They are available Monday through Friday, anytime between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (including lunch hours).

Thank you for your continued support of the Oregon Health Plan and the services you provide to our members.

<sup>1</sup> The Addictions and Mental Health Division and Division of Medical Assistance Programs are now united as the Health Systems Division.