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To: OHP medical-surgical providers

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Subject: Fee-for-service Relative-Value Unit weight-based rates effective January 1, 2015

DMAP has updated all Relative-Value Unit (RVU) weight-based rates to apply the 2015 Medicare Facility and Non-Facility Total RVU Weights to claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2015, [based on the claim's Place of Service](#).

DMAP 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 primary care providers (Oregon definition)	\$27.82	Oregon primary care codes
All other RVU weight-based professional services (default rate)	\$25.48	-

What should you do?

No action is required on your part.

Additional information about RVU weight-based rates

DMAP uses statewide Geographic Practice Cost Indices (GPCIs) to calculate rates for every RVU weight-based code. For 2015, the formula for calculating each RVU weight-based rate with the GPCIs is:

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{(Work RVU) X (Work GPCI of 1)} \\ + \text{(Practice Expense RVU - Choose Non-Facility or Facility) X (Practice GPCI of 0.974)} \\ + \text{(Malpractice RVU) X (Malpractice GPCI of 0.708)} \end{array} \right] \times \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Conversion} \\ \text{factor} \\ \text{(base rate)} \end{array} \right] = \text{RVU weight-based rate}$$

The 2015 RVU Weights were published in the Federal Register, Vol. 79, November 13, 2014.

If you wish to download the RVU weights, go to [Medicare's Release of the 2015 Physician Fee Schedule Relative Value File](#). Click the **RVU15A** folder and unzip file; open the file named **PPRRVU15_V1223c** (we recommend the CSV format). 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 or call 1-800-336-6016. They are available Monday through Friday, anytime between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (including lunch hours).

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