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Subject: Fee-for-service relative value unit weight-based rates effective January 1, 2016

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

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

Table with 3 columns: Type of service, Base rate, and Affected codes. Rows include Labor and delivery, Primary care services, and All other RVU weight-based professional services.

What should you do?

No action is required on your part.

Additional information about RVU weight-based rates

OHA uses statewide Geographic Practice Cost Indices (GPCIs) to calculate rates for every RVU weight-based code. For 2016, the formula for calculating each RVU weight-based rate with the GPCIs is:

Formula: [(Work RVU) X (Work GPCI of 1) + (Practice Expense RVU - Choose Non-Facility or Facility) X (Practice GPCI of 0.974) + (Malpractice RVU) X (Malpractice GPCI of 0.708)] X Conversion factor (base rate) = RVU weight-based rate

The 2016 RVU weights were published in the Federal Register, Vol. 80, November 16, 2015.

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\_V0105. The RVUs for the rate calculations are found in columns F, G, I, and K.

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

## 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.