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Topic: Medical Benefits

Subject: Provider announcement: Reminder: OMAP Shifts to Web-based communications format

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, OMHAS and OMAP transmittal lists |

Message:

On July 1, 2005, OMAP will discontinue mailing most of the mass provider announcements and materials that the Communications and Training Unit currently prints and mails. Instead we expect providers to register for the free [eSubscribe](#) service that notifies them every time content changes on the Web pages they designate, such as the [Provider Announcement](#) page.

We are mailing the following announcement to providers the week of June 27, 2005, as a final reminder to them of this change.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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To: OMAP Service Providers

From: Joan M. Kapowich, Manager
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Re: OMAP Shifts to Web-based communications format

REMINDER: Effective, July 1, 2005, OMAP will no longer mail *most* provider materials. We will continue to regularly communicate with you by posting announcements on our Web pages.

eSubscribe to be notified of OMAP Web postings
<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/govdocs.shtml>

Register for eSubscribe

When you register for our FREE subscription service, you will be notified by email whenever the content changes on the Web pages that you designate. Just click on the eSubscribe link on individual OHP pages, or subscribe to multiple pages from the master list by choosing the eSubscribe link above.

OMAP recommends that all providers register for:

- Current OMAP Policies, Rules and Guidelines (General Rules plus your medical specialty Rulebook page)
- The provider announcement page—listed under Provider Resources in the master subscription list or register on http://egov.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/notices_providers/main.shtml
- Any other pages that interest you (such as recent client announcements, managed care plan information, First Pass, reports, etc.)

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Exceptions to this policy change. We will continue to announce implementation of revised administrative rules via the U.S. Postal Service through the end of calendar year 2005. We will also continue to mail Notices of Proposed Rulemaking to interested parties.

Advantages of electronic communications include:

- *Reduced administrative costs to the state.* OMAP expects to save \$200,000 per biennium on stationery, printing and postage.
- *Improved access to our materials.* We often hear that our mailed material was misrouted. Now you'll have complete control over who receives the news in your office.
- *Faster communication.* No more "snail mail." You can read about policy changes and provider announcements within minutes of posting.
- *Links to related information.* We include "live" links in our documents so you can easily find referenced materials.

Questions?

If you have any questions about this announcement, contact the OMAP Provider Relations Unit at 1-800-336-6016.