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Topic: Medical Benefits

Subject: Provider announcement - Changes to the OHP Preferred Drug List effective Jan. 1, 2010

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, AMH and DMAP transmittal lists |

Message:

DMAP will distribute the following letter to prescribers and pharmacies through a banner message on outgoing paper remittance advices and eSubscribes to [OHP Provider Announcements](#) and [Pharmacy Provider Announcements](#) subscribers.

The OSU College of Pharmacy will also fax this announcement to all Oregon pharmacies.

- The letter explains that starting Jan. 1, fee-for-service prescriptions for drugs not on the physical health Preferred Drug List (PDL) will require prior authorization (PA). Drugs on the physical health PDL do not require PA and do not require copayments.
- Also starting Jan. 1 is a voluntary mental health PDL. Drugs on this PDL do not require copayments.

PDL information applies to prescriptions dispensed on a fee-for-service (“open card”) basis, including 7/11 [mental health carve-out drugs](#) for managed care plan clients.

If you get calls asking about the PDL, you can also refer them to the PDL information page at www.orpdl.org.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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OHP Preferred Drug List Updates

Changes for fee-for-service prescriptions begin Jan. 1

Effective Jan. 1, 2010, DMAP will update the current Preferred Drug List (PDL) for physical health drugs and implement a new voluntary PDL for mental health drugs.

- Both lists will be available in the Jan. 1, 2010, Pharmaceutical Services administrative rulebook in Table 121-0030-1 – Practitioner-Managed Prescription Drug Plan (PMPDP).
- You will also be able to use Epocrates to access the PDLs on your mobile device (look for "Oregon Medicaid - Open Card"). For more information, go to www.epocrates.com.

Links to the current rulebook and other resources are in the Pharmaceutical Services provider guidelines at www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html.

About the Physical Health PDL

Non-preferred drugs on the physical health PDL will require prior authorization (PA). All prescriptions for non-preferred drugs written prior to Dec. 31, 2009, will be exempt from PA.

- For non-preferred products, you can submit PA requests two ways:
 - ✓ By calling the Oregon Pharmacy Call Center at 1-888-202-2126
 - ✓ By submitting via the secure Provider Web Portal at <https://www.or-medicaid.gov>. For information about registering for Web portal access or training, go to www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools_prov/training.shtml.
- A PA request will be approved if the prescriber, in his or her professional judgment, determines the drug is medically appropriate.
- For current Oregon Medicaid PA criteria, go to www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/clinical.html#pa.
- Providers may check on the status of a submitted PA by either using the Automated Voice Response (AVR) system at 1-866-692-3864 or by using the Provider Web Portal.

All non-preferred drugs are subject to copayments for clients who receive OHP Plus benefits (benefit plans BMD, BMH, and BMM). If your patient uses drugs that require copayments, you can suggest they use OHP's contracted Mail Order Pharmacy, Wellpartner. Prescriptions delivered through Wellpartner do not require copayment.

About the Mental Health PDL

- Currently, any mental health drug costing more than \$10 requires a copayment. Effective Jan. 1, drugs on the mental health PDL will not require a copayment. You can help your patients avoid copayments by prescribing preferred products whenever medically appropriate, and by suggesting use of Wellpartner's Mail Order Pharmacy service.
- This list is voluntary; there is no PA requirement for mental health drugs.

For questions about:

- The PDL and FFS prescriptions - Call the Oregon Pharmacy Call Center at 1-888-202-2126 (24 hours a day, seven days a week).
- Prescriptions for managed care clients - Contact the client's plan.
- Wellpartner - Go to www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/clients/mailrx.shtml.

