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Topic: Medical Benefits

Subject: **Provider announcements:** About Sep. 1 fee-for-service provider rate reductions

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Message:

DMAP will post the following [OHP Provider Announcements](#). They were distributed as follows on Monday, Aug. 27:

- The ambulance rate reduction letter (pages 4'cpf '5) was directly e-mailed to 132 Oregon ambulance companies.
- The medical-surgical rate reduction letter (pages 4 and 5) was mailed to approximately 3,400 provider locations for physicians, nurses, podiatrists, chiropractors, and other health care professionals affected by this change.

These letters follow up a [June 1 memo and recent public meetings](#) about the reductions. The reductions only affect rates paid for services billed directly to DMAP; they do not affect rates paid by Coordinated Care Organizations.

If you have any questions about ambulance rate reductions, contact:

Contact(s):	Valerie Rux, DMAP Policy Analyst
E-mail:	valerie.rux@state.or.us

If you have any questions about medical-surgical rate reductions, contact:

Contact(s):	Trevor Douglass, DMAP Policy Analyst
E-mail:	trevor.douglass@state.or.us



August 27, 2012

Subject: Ambulance fee-for-service rate reductions

Dear Ambulance Provider:

Over the past few months, we've been in communication with you regarding the ambulance fee-for-service rate reductions. We want to make sure you have the most up-to-date information.

As you know, the Oregon Health Authority must reduce the maximum allowable fee-for-service reimbursement rates for your program by 2 percent. The specific reductions affecting your program are now available (shown below).

The reductions are effective September 1, 2012.

We will revise the [Oregon Health Plan Fee Schedule](#) to reflect the new rates as shown below.

Revised fee schedule:

Code	Procedure	Sep. 1 Rate
A0225	Neo-natal Ambulance	\$337.91
A0424	Extra attendant	\$19.36
A0425	Emergency ground mileage	\$3.75
A0426	ALS 1 - Non-emergent	\$139.87
A0427	ALS 1 - Emergency	\$376.77
A0428	BLS - Non-emergent	\$144.91
A0429	BLS - Emergency	\$207.50
A0430	Fixed wing air ambulance	\$3,011.50
A0431	Rotary wing air ambulance	\$3,011.50
A0433	ALS 2	\$376.77
A0434	Specialty care / Secured transport	\$2,860.62
A0998	Aid Call	\$54.45
S0215	Non-emergent ground mileage	\$1.74

The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services must approve this rate reduction. We have submitted our request and are awaiting approval. We will send you another announcement if either the rate reduction or effective date changes.

Working together, I know we can continue to provide health care to our most vulnerable citizens, even in this time of limited resources and expanding need. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

More information about the [2012 rate reductions](#), including past meeting materials and minutes, is available online.

Please feel free to contact the DMAP Provider Services Unit at dmap.providerservices@state.or.us or call 1-800-336-6016 if you have general questions about this change. The Provider Services Unit is available Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday (phone lines closed 11:25 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily).

For program specific questions, you may contact your DMAP policy analyst, Valerie Rux at Valerie.Rux@state.or.us or Kristi Jacobo at Kristi.Jacobo@state.or.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy Mohr Peterson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Judy Mohr Peterson, Director
Division of Medical Assistance Programs
Oregon Health Authority



August 27, 2012

Subject: Medical-Surgical fee-for-service rate reductions

Dear Medical-Surgical Provider:

Over the past few months, we've been in communication with you regarding the medical-surgical fee-for-service rate reductions. We want to make sure you have the most up-to-date information.

As you know, the Oregon Health Authority must reduce the maximum allowable fee-for-service reimbursement rates for your program by 2 percent. The specific reductions affecting your program are now available (shown below).

The reductions are effective September 1, 2012.

Medical-Surgical fee-for-service rate reductions:

Service	Reduction
Anesthesia services	Reduce the base rate from \$21.20 to \$20.78.
Obstetrical services	Reduce the RVU conversion factor from \$41.61 to \$40.79.
Other RVU-based professional services, except for Primary Care services	Reduce RVU conversion factor from \$26.00 to \$25.48.

There will be no reductions in Primary Care services. RVU weights will remain at 2010 Medicare weights.

We will revise Oregon Administrative Rule 410-120-1340 – Payment to reflect this payment change.

The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services must approve this rate reduction. We have submitted our request and are awaiting approval. We will send you another announcement if either the rate reduction or effective date changes.

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More information about the 2012 rate reductions, including past meeting materials and minutes, is available at www.oregon.gov/oha/healthplan/pages/meetings/main.aspx.

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Judy Mohr Peterson, Director
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