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Message:

DMAP will post the following letter and distribute to [OHP Provider Announcements](#) and [Hospital Services provider guidelines](#) subscribers. It explains a delay in the annual Medicare Grouper program update that applies to fee-for-service inpatient hospital claims for dates of service on and after Oct. 1, 2012.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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Date: October 10, 2012

To: Hospital providers

From: Don Ross, Manager
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Subject: Version 30 of Medicare Grouper Delayed

Version 30 of the Medicare Grouper is effective Oct. 1, 2012. We expect to update our system with this version by March 1, 2013.

Why is this happening?

The Medicare Grouper is the software used to assign an individual inpatient hospital claim to a Diagnostic Related Group (DRG) category. Each October, Medicare revises the Grouper program.

We aim to update our system with the current Grouper within 90 days of Medicare's updates, but may experience delays due to other system updates scheduled for completion.

What you should do?

No action is required on your part.

Once our system is updated with the Version 30 Grouper, we will reprocess any claims for dates of service on or after Oct. 1, 2012, that processed under the Version 29 Grouper. Once we confirm a specific date for reprocessing these claims, we will let you know.

Thank you for your support

Thank you for your continued support of the Oregon Health Plan and the services you provide to our clients.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause, and appreciate your patience as we continue to make system improvements.

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, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (phone lines closed 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily).

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