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To: Prescribing providers and pharmacists
Pharmacists certified to administer flu vaccines
Licensing boards of prescribing providers and pharmacists

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Subject: Enrollment requirement for prescribing providers planned for September 1, 2018

Starting September 1, 2018, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will only pay for pharmacy claims when they include the National Provider Identifier (NPI) of an OHA-enrolled prescriber. This applies to:

- Paper, point of sale, and Provider Web Portal claims billed to OHA, and
- All pharmacy claims reported to OHA by coordinated care organizations (CCOs).

This means that by September 1, any providers who write prescriptions for OHP members must enroll with OHA, including certified pharmacists who administer vaccines or prescribe birth control to members.

Why is this happening?

Federal Medicaid program integrity regulations require state Medicaid agencies to ensure that:

- All ordering or referring physicians or other professionals providing services under the Medicaid state plan or a waiver of the plan to enroll as participating providers ([42 CFR §455.410\(b\)](#)), and
- All claims contain the NPI of the ordering or referring provider ([42 CFR §455.440](#)).

These requirements also apply to claims for Medicaid-covered drugs, items and services prescribed by a physician or other professional ([Medicaid Provider Enrollment Compendium, Section 1.3](#)).

What should you do?

Enroll with OHA by **August 31, 2018**, if you are:

- A physician or other professional who prescribes services for any OHP members, **or**
- A certified pharmacist who administers vaccines or prescribes birth control to any OHP members.

Follow the instructions on the [OHP Provider Enrollment web page](#).

Please share this information with any prescribers and clinics that may be affected by this change.

Questions?

- **About OHA prescriber enrollment:** Email provider.enrollment@dhsola.state.or.us or call 800-336-6016 (choose option 6).
- **About FFS claims:** Email dmap.providerservices@dhsola.state.or.us or call 800-336-6016 (choose option 5, then 2).
- **About CCO claims:** Contact the CCO.

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