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TO: CareOregon Pharmacy Network
From: Medical Management Department, Pharmacy Unit
Subject: Prescriber and Pharmacy NPI Requirements at Point of Sale (POS)
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Dear Pharmacy Provider,

Effective September 1, 2008, the Prescriber NPI and Pharmacy Provider NPI will be required at POS for all electronic pharmacy claims transactions for CareOregon Oregon Health Plan members.

Prescriber Identification

Pharmacies are expected to make reasonable efforts to obtain individual Prescriber NPIs for all prescriptions and electronic claims transactions. Additional instructions will be forthcoming for submitting prescription claims from prescribers who do not have NPIs, because they are not required to have NPIs or they cannot be obtained.

The following two fields must be used in the Prescriber Segment when submitting a Prescriber NPI:

- Prescriber ID Qualifier (465-EZ)-Value of '01' should be entered here
- Prescriber ID (411-DB)-NPI number should be entered here

Pharmacy Provider Identification

The pharmacy must submit all claims using a valid Provider NPI number assigned to the pharmacy by the NPI enumerator. Both the NPI and qualifier fields are required and replace the NCPDP number and qualifier.

The following two fields in the Transaction Header Segment must be used to submit the pharmacy provider NPI:

- Pharmacy Service Provider ID Qualifier (202-B2)- Value of '01' must be entered here
- Pharmacy Service Provider ID (201-B1)- NPI number must be entered here

Thank you for your cooperation. Please regularly check the CareOregon web site at <http://www.careoregon.org/provider/pharmacy.html> for future updates on NPI as well as formulary changes and other policy updates.