

Temporary changes in sequestration due to CARES Act



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Dear CareOregon Advantage partner,

This communication is in follow-up to the Senate passing H.R. 748, regarding temporary changes to the 2020 federal sequestration reduction.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has temporarily suspended the 2% federal sequestration reduction in Medicare payments for dates of service effective May 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. As a Medicare Advantage plan, CareOregon Advantage wants to pass the temporary increase in payments (due to the federal sequestration suspension) for services provided. We will temporarily lift the sequestration reduction on CareOregon Advantage claims for our network effective May 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, or until such time that CMS reinstates the reduction.

We are working with our system and claims teams to implement this change as quickly and effectively as possible. Our intent is to have this implemented for dates of service May 1, 2020 and after.

If you have any questions concerning this communication, please do not hesitate to contact our [Provider Relations](#) support team.

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