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Message: OMAP is notifying Occupational and Physical Therapy providers how to bill for services that go beyond the new 2006 Medicare caps for dual eligibles. See attached memo.

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To: OMAP Providers of Occupational and
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Subject: **Medicare caps OT/PT services**

Beginning January 1, 2006, Medicare will implement fiscal limitations (also referred to as caps) on therapy services. The dollar amount for the 2006 limitation on physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech-language pathology services from January 1 through December 31, 2006, will be \$1,740.00 each.

How will these limitations impact fee-for-service Oregon Health Plan (OHP) clients with Medicare coverage?

When a fee-for-service OHP client with Medicare (“dual eligible”) reaches his or her therapy cap, a provider must request OMAP prior authorization (PA) for any additional physical or occupational therapy services if the provider is seeking reimbursement from OMAP. If the provider bills OMAP for services that have not been prior authorized, OMAP will deny payment for those services.

Other Important Information

OMAP does NOT require PA for evaluation and re-evaluation therapy services.

For dual-eligible OHP clients enrolled in a prepaid health plan, contact the plan for instructions.

Questions?

Contact OMAP Provider Services at 1-800-336-6016 or omap.prov-callcenter@state.or.us.

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