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Subject: Oregon NPI and Provider Authentication Repository Project

DMAP is announcing our interest in collaborating with the efforts of the Oregon Medical Association (OMA) to create a statewide provider NPI and Provider Authentication Repository. DMAP's role would be to provide information for the database about all our enrolled health care providers. The project will start by collecting Oregon providers' NPIs and related demographic information necessary for claims processing, such as specialties or taxonomies.

This project, unlike the existing CMS database, plans to include only Oregon health care providers in a secured, web-based database that will store accurate, current and more complete local provider demographic data. Both providers and payers can subscribe by paying a nominal administrative fee so that the repository will be self-sustaining. All online queries will adhere to the HIPAA Security Rule and will return encrypted downloads of information, such as NPIs, billing addresses, specialities, or provider affiliations. Users can register by first proving they are authorized to receive private health information in order to receive a password to access the databank.

So far, the Oregon Association of Hospitals, the Oregon and SW Washington Healthcare, Privacy and Security Forum, and Health Systems and Oregon Health Sciences University have also endorsed this OMA project. Interest is growing among other entities as well.

If you have opinions about DHS' involvement in this project, please contact DMAP Provider Services to share your thoughts at 800-336-0616 or DMAP.providerservices@state.or.us.

For technical information or security questions about the repository project, contact the OMA project contractor, Chris Apgar, President, Apgar and Associates, LLC, at 503-977-9432 or capgar@easystreet.com.

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