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Early in 2008 the State of Oregon and Oregon Medicaid providers will be required to participate in the Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) review. This is a federally required review of Medicaid claims payments. The intent of the review is to verify accurate payment of Medicaid claims. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will use a random selection to determine which claims are reviewed. The selection will include a sample of fee-for-service and managed care claims.

If selected, you will receive a written request from Livanta, LLC, to provide records for some of the claims you've submitted. Livanta is a private company that has contracted with CMS to conduct the review. The state will also be submitting information that supports these reviews, including claims and provider information.

We do not have all the details of this review; however, we are working closely with CMS. As we receive more detailed information and the specific time frames for the reviews we will notify you. You can email your questions to: oregonperm.opar@state.or.us or visit the Oregon PERM website at

http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/admin/recovery/perm/index.shtml. This site provides an overview of PERM as well as frequently asked questions (FAQ).

Thank you for your continued support of Oregon Medicaid programs.

Trisha Baxter