Coordination of benefits (COB)

DMAP will pay POS claims billed with Other Coverage Code 3 ("Other coverage exists, claim not covered") when all the following are true:

- A drug product is not covered by the beneficiary's other insurance.
- DMAP covers the drug.
- The claim's COB segment contains a valid Other Payer Reject Code (NCPDP Field 472-6E).

DMAP will reject claims with Other Coverage Code 3 that do not meet all the criteria listed above (NCPDP Reject code 6E—"M/I other payer reject code").

Prior authorization (PA) on sedatives

In January, DMAP announced to prescribing providers and pharmacies that we would begin requiring PA on sedative prescriptions in March 2007. DMAP is not enforcing the PA requirement at this time. We will let you know before we begin enforcement.

Plan B® contraceptives

Please read the letter on billing instructions for the Plan B over-the-counter emergency contraceptives to female OHP clients age 18 or older. This will become effective May 10, 2007.

National Provider Identifier (NPI)

First Health will begin their NPI compliance testing period from April 10 to May 23, 2007. OHP providers should begin submitting the pharmacy's NPI in the service provider ID field and the prescriber's NPI in the prescriber ID field on pharmacy claims. Use the two-digit service provider qualifier (or identifier code) of "01" in NCPDP field number 202-B2 to coincide with the NPI. The two-digit prescriber ID qualifier of "01" is required in the NCPDP field number with prescriber NPIs. First Health will continue to accept Medicaid prescriber ID numbers with a qualifier of "05." Although the NABP/NCPDP number will remain acceptable as the service provider ID during the transition period, NPI becomes mandatory on May 23, 2007.

All pharmacy computer applications must use the NCPDP Telecommunication Standard Version 5.1 and Batch Standard Version 1.0 for pharmacy claims. This standard application will allow the pharmacy to enter either the DMAP provider number or your NPI, at the point of sale. **It is imperative that you or your software vendor make the changes necessary to process claims using the NPI.**

Questions?

If your POS claims do not process during this test period, contact the First Health claims technical help desk at 1-800-884-7387.

Other OHP billing problems can always be addressed at DMAP.providerservices@state.or.us or 1-800-336-6016.

For information on the NCPDP standards, refer to their Web site at: <http://www.ncpdp.org/frame_news_npi-info.htm>.

Register your NPI and taxonomy codes with DMAP:
< http://egov.oregon.gov/DHS/admin/hipaa/npi/main.shtml>.