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To: Workers' Compensation Insurers, Self-Insured Employers, Service Companies, and Medical Service Providers

Subject: DCBS Data Sharing with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Medicare and Workers' Compensation Benefits

On May 25, 2007, a notice was sent by the Department of Consumer & Business Services (DCBS) that provided information about problems that had occurred as a result of data sharing of Oregon workers' compensation claims with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and steps to resolve these problems and prevent further occurrences. CMS has been cooperative in resolving these problems, but a new batch of letters were sent out subsequent to the corrective action taken by CMS.

CMS believed they had deleted all the data files sent to them by DCBS as agreed to; however, a "pending" file did not get deleted. The pending file was for claims that did not yet qualify for Medicare. Some of those files recently became eligible, automatically prompting letters to be sent. CMS has now deleted the pending file and believes there are no data files remaining from those sent to them early this year by DCBS.

CMS will notify parties to whom it previously sent letters (including the copied parties) that the letters were sent in error. Medical providers should resubmit previously denied billings for services provided to Medicare recipients to CMS for payment.

Injured workers receiving Medicare benefits, insurers, service companies, and medical providers with questions regarding requests for information or unresolved service delivery or billing issues can obtain further information by contacting:

Ms. Jonella Windell

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2201 Sixth Avenue, MS-40

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Injured workers may also contact:

Jennifer Flood

Ombudsman for Injured Workers

Toll Free: (800) 927-1271

Salem: (503) 947-7031

jennifer.r.flood@state.or.us

General questions regarding this notice may be directed to:

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