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To: **Podiatrists, chiropractors, naturopaths, and physician assistants**, medical service providers, managed care organizations, workers' compensation insurers, self-insured employers, and service companies

Subject: **Important reminder to podiatrists, chiropractors, naturopaths, and physician assistants to certify by Jan. 2, 2008**

**Effective Jan. 2, 2008, podiatrists, chiropractors, naturopaths, and physician assistants must certify to the director of the Department of Consumer & Business Services that they have read informational materials about the workers' compensation system before treating any patient with an Oregon workers' compensation claim.**

Once certified, the providers may also be attending physicians within specific limitations. Chiropractors, podiatrists, naturopaths, and physician assistants may act as an attending physician for up to 60 days or 18 visits and authorize temporary disability compensation for up to 30 days. The timeframes will be measured from the date of first visit to any of these four provider types.

The required informational material includes: a specific provider guide (for podiatrists, chiropractors, naturopaths, and physician assistants) to Oregon on-the-job injuries, relevant administrative forms, and return-to-work information.

Podiatrists, chiropractors, naturopaths, and physician assistants may certify using our easy online certification process at <http://www.wcd.oregon.gov> and click on "Health Care Providers."

Providers without Internet access may contact Robert Salvo, publications specialist, (503) 947-7627, to obtain the required materials, available after Oct. 15, 2007. The "Statement of Certification" may be mailed or faxed to the Workers' Compensation Division.

If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact Juerg Kunz (503) 947-7741, or send e-mail to [juerg.kunz@state.or.us](mailto:juerg.kunz@state.or.us).

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