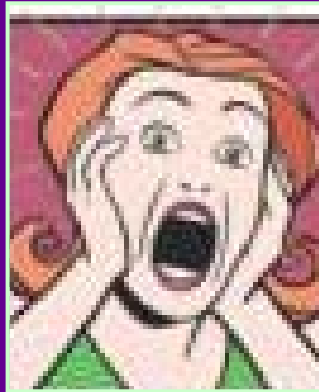


Medicaid Reimbursement for Genetic Services – Working with Medicaid to Make Wise Decisions

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At their last meeting, the Oregon Health Services Commission decided to stop paying for any genetic testing...

(This happened in January 2006.)



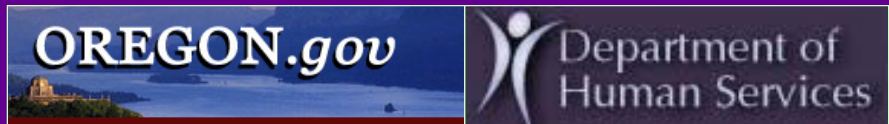
The Commission wanted help in developing an algorithm to guide what genetic tests to pay for.



The next Commission meeting was in two days...

Meeting Preparation

- Understand the Health Services Commission's perspective
- Identify the meeting outcomes



Oregon Health Plan Goals

- Increase access to health care for low-income Oregonians.
- Improve the quality of health care and receipt of preventive services by low-income Oregonians, thereby improving their health.
- Contain health care costs.

Meeting Outcomes

- Commissioners understand that we did not expect a dramatic increase in the cost of genetic testing in the next year.
- Commissioners reinstate reimbursement for genetic tests covered last year.
- Commissioners agree to an advisory group to provide them with information to make “wise decisions” about payment for genetic services.

We (I) would assist with convening
the advisory committee...



The Health Services Commission
agreed to all 3 requests!

Researched OMAP (Oregon Medical Assistance Program) priorities and philosophies.



Assisted Health Commission staff to:



- Set goal(s) for advisory committee
- Identify and invite committee members
- Provide background materials for committee meetings

Genetics Advisory Committee to the Oregon Health Services Commission



AGENDA

**HSC Genetics Advisory Committee
Meridian Park Hospital
Health Education Center, Room 107
Tualatin, Oregon
November 30, 2006**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Goals of the Meeting
- III. Review of Meeting Highlights from 10/20/06
- IV. Incorporation of Non-Prenatal Genetic Testing Algorithm Into Prioritized list
 - A. Changes to existing version of algorithm
 - B. Attachment of guidelines to algorithm
 - i. Breast and cervical cancer guidelines
 - ii. Developmental disability guidelines
 - C. How should guidelines be implemented in rural...

GUIDELINE NOTES FOR DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES NOT APPEARING ON THE PRIORITIZED LIST OF HEALTH SERVICES AS OF JANUARY 1, 2007

GUIDELINE NOTE D1, NON-PRENATAL GENETIC TESTING GUIDELINE

- I. Coverage of genetic testing in a non-prenatal setting shall be determined the algorithm shown in Figure 1 unless otherwise specified below.
- II. Related to genetic testing for patients with breast/ovarian and colon/endometrial cancer suspected to be hereditary, or patients at increased risk to due to family history..

Assist with Guideline implementation

- Post background materials for guidelines on www.oregongenetics.org
- Presentation & resources for DMAP managed care directors
- Work with DMAP to pull data to monitor guidelines impact