

## Division 009 / Oregon-Specific Codes Progress Report

The Oregon Specific Code (OSC) Advisory Committee met twice to discuss and formulate recommendations for eliminating Oregon Specific Codes in light of HIPAA, which affects many health care providers. Meeting notes and handouts are available on our Web site at

<http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/wcd/policy/hipaa/codes.html>.

At the second meeting, the committee decided to:

- meet quarterly;
- extend the time frame for developing recommendations; and
- do additional research.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2003, 1:30–4:00 pm at the Labor & Industries Building, 350 Winter St. NE, Salem, basement conference room F.

The committee felt the need for urgency to convert OSC had decreased, so recommendations could be completed by Sept. 2004 for use in the Div. 009 rule-making effective April 1, 2005.

Subsequently, It was discovered that Washington state decided not to eliminate all their local codes. Tom Davis of Washington Labor & Industries relates that the HIPAA implementation guide explains how to electronically transmit local codes for workers' compensation claims by attaching a ZZ code to the end. The validity of this information has been confirmed by SAIF and also the OMA HIPAA Forum Transaction Code Sets Sub-committee. This information is included in a *WCD Focus* article to be published soon.

With this new information, Twyla Knowles is polling the OSC Advisory Committee to determine if they feel the need to continue to meet. The decision will be posted to our Web site.

If you have further questions, please contact either Twyla or Debra.

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