

Model Communication to Medicaid Providers

Dear Provider

In 2007, Congress enacted Section 7002(b) of PL. 110-28 of the Iraq War Supplemental Appropriations Bill. This provision requires all Medicaid prescriptions to be written on “tamper-resistant” pads/paper in order to be eligible for federal reimbursement to Medicaid.

While this is a federal law, there is not a single national regulation. Each State Medicaid Agency must implement its own requirements regarding what tamper-resistant features will be required in that state. [State Agency] has reviewed the recommendations of industry and of states that currently use tamper-resistant prescription pads/paper. [Medicaid Agency] has chosen security features that are most economical and implementable within the short time frame available to comply with the Federal law.

Beginning on April 1, 2008, [Medicaid Agency] requires that all prescriptions pads/paper for prescriptions written for Medicaid fee-for-service recipients/members are required to have [fill in specific state feature requirement(s) here].

By October 1, 2008, prescription pads/paper will be required to [fill in specific state feature requirement(s) here].

[Medicaid Agency] encourages providers to implement all security features by April 1, 2008 if possible in order to avoid wasting old pads/paper and reordering and using new pads/paper with the additional features prior to October 1, 2008.

Providers who write prescriptions for Medicaid recipients should contact their printer to secure an appropriate supply of prescription pads or paper that will meet above April 1, 2008 [Medicaid Agency] requirements and begin using this paper prior to April 1, 2008. Orders may take up to 4 weeks to process.

If you or your printer/vendor requires additional information, please refer to [put URL link here]. This site provides an example of a tamper-resistant prescription pad/paper, a description of the required security features outlined above, and also has a listing of tamper-resistant prescription pad/paper vendors and a summary of the Federal law and Medicaid requirements.

Thank you

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