

Information on Tamper-Resistant Prescription Pads (TRPPs)

Effective April 1, 2008: All hard copy prescriptions must have at least one of the following tamper resistant features:

- Prevent Unauthorized Copying of a completed or blank prescription form
- Prevent the Erasure or Modification of information written on the prescription by the provider
- Prevent the use of Counterfeit Prescription forms

Effective October 1, 2008 all three features must be present.

These regulations apply to all Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS or “traditional Medicaid”) written prescriptions and COB claims where Medicaid pays any portion of the claim.

The regulations DO NOT apply to:

- Prescriptions that are not hard copy, i.e. Prescriptions that are faxed, e-prescribed, or telephonic
- Medicaid managed care prescriptions
- Refills for which the original prescription was filled before April 1, 2008
- Drugs being reimbursed as part of a clinic or institutional service fee (i.e. the drug is not billed separately)

Failure to comply with the above regulations could result in a withholding of Medicaid reimbursement.

FAQ's

What should I do if I receive a non-compliant prescription?

- Call the prescriber and verify the authenticity of the Prescription by writing the following on the face of the original prescription:
 - The name of the person contacted at the prescriber's office
 - The date verified
 - The initials or the name of the pharmacist or licensed pharmacy intern who verified the prescription
 - The word “Verified”
- Dispense the prescription and obtain a compliant prescription within 72 hours

**If I don't receive a compliant prescription within 72 hours who is responsible?
The pharmacist or the physician?**

- Unfortunately, the Act places the role of enforcement on the pharmacist.
- Refuse to fill and have the patient obtain a compliant prescription.

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