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Dear Medicaid Prescriber,

Since April 1, 2008, your prescriptions for Medicaid patients have had to be compliant with the Medicaid Tamper-Resistant Requirements. **Please be aware that compliance with this same law changes as of October 1, 2008.**

- As of October 1, 2008, all Medicaid prescriptions that are either hand-written or printed from an Electronic Medical Records or ePrescribing application must contain **at least one feature from each of the three categories of tamper-resistance for a total of three features**. Note – compliance as of April 1, 2008 required **one** feature from **one** category of tamper-resistance – to be in compliance in October may require additional steps by your prescription pad or software vendor.

### **Review of CMS Requirements for October 1, 2008**

By October 1, 2008, a hand-written or computer generated/printed prescription must contain at least **one** feature in **all three** categories. No feature may be used twice:

- 1) One or more industry recognized features designed to prevent unauthorized copying of a completed or blank prescription.
- 2) One or more industry recognized features designed to prevent the erasure or modification of information written on the prescription by the prescriber.
- 3) One or more industry recognized features designed to prevent the use of counterfeit prescriptions.

For more details on these requirements, please go to CMS' Web site at:

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/DeficitReductionAct/30\\_GovtInfo.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/DeficitReductionAct/30_GovtInfo.asp) and click on Medicaid Tamper-Resistant Prescription Information, Top Questions about Tamper-Resistant Prescriptions (FAQs), and Medicaid Prescription Resistant Prescription Pad Law - Pharmacist Fact Sheet.

For best practices and examples of tamper-resistant prescription pads and prescriptions printed from EMRs or ePrescribing applications meeting the October 1, 2008 requirements, please go to NCPDP's Web site at: [www.ncdp.org/pdf/Tamper\\_resistant\\_07-18-08.zip](http://www.ncdp.org/pdf/Tamper_resistant_07-18-08.zip). Click on Identifying Tamper-Resistant Prescription Pad Features and Best Practices for Hand-written and EMR Tamper-Resistant Prescriptions.

Please note that if you are using the Void/Illegal/Copy pantograph security feature to prevent photocopying, pharmacies will not be able to accept these as a legitimate prescription when faxed because of the pantograph appearing as Void/Illegal/Copy wording across the prescription. To send a compliant prescription, you can write the prescription on plain paper and fax using a cover sheet; call the pharmacy with the prescription; or send an electronic prescription.

**Prescribers not meeting the Federal TRPP policy can expect increased phone traffic from pharmacy staff attempting to verify the prescription.**

Additional information can be found at the South Dakota Medicaid web site at:

<http://dss.sd.gov/medicalservices/providerinfo/>

or by calling the Telephone Service Unit at 1-800-452-7691.