



Important reminder About tamper-resistant prescription pad requirements effective April 1, 2008

Federal tamper-resistant prescription pad requirement begins April 1, 2008

Effective April 1, 2008, Section 1903(i) of the Social Security Act requires that written (nonelectronic) prescriptions for covered outpatient drugs for Medicaid clients be executed on a tamper-resistant pad in order to be eligible for federal matching funds.

- This requirement applies to written or computer-printed prescriptions executed on or after April 1, 2008, for drugs reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis, where the client or the client's representative delivers the prescription to the pharmacy for dispensing. This includes prescriptions on hospital discharge orders, and prescriptions mailed to a mail-order pharmacy.
- This requirement applies whether OHP is the secondary or the primary payer.
- This requirement does not apply if the client's OHP managed care plan pays for the prescription.

DMAP prescription requirements are changing

To meet this federal requirement, starting April 1, 2008, DMAP will only reimburse fee-for-service prescriptions of covered outpatient drugs for OHP clients when the prescription is:

- Written on tamper-resistant paper; or
- Submitted electronically (*i.e.*, by fax, telephone, or e-prescription).

DMAP will update OAR 410-121-0145 (Prescription Requirement) to enforce this requirement effective April 1, 2008. You can read the proposed rule revision on the DMAP Web site at www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/rules/notices.html#pharmacy.

DMAP encourages prescribers to submit prescriptions electronically, by phone, or by fax whenever possible. Prescriptions for controlled substances must still comply with current federal DEA regulations. For more information, go to the State Board of Pharmacy Web site at www.oregon.gov/Pharmacy/DEA_Info.shtml.

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Reminder about tamper-resistant prescription pad characteristics

DMAP considers “tamper-proof” any prescription pad that includes *at least one industry-recognized feature* designed to prevent:

- Unauthorized copying of a completed or blank prescription form;
- The erasure or modification of information written on the prescription by the prescriber; or
- The use of counterfeit prescription forms.

Several states have tamper-resistant prescription pad requirements that meet or exceed federal requirements. A summary of these other states' requirements is available on the OHP Web site at www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan.

For more information

- The State Board of Pharmacy Web site has links to CMS guidance, past DMAP announcements about the requirement, and more at www.oregon.gov/Pharmacy/TamperProofRx.shtml.
- For questions about this letter, contact DMAP Provider Services at 800-336-6016 or e-mail dmap.providerservices@state.or.us.

