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Message:

DMAP will send the following postcard to prescribing providers and pharmacies. It lets them know that the tamper-resistant prescription pad requirement has been postponed to April 1, 2008.

A [previous announcement](#) to prescribers and pharmacies reported guidance from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on how states can meet tamper-resistant prescription pad requirements. If this guidance changes between now and April 1, 2008, we will let providers know.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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6-month delay in tamper-resistant prescription pad requirement

On September 29, 2007, House Resolution 3668 was signed into law. Section 5 of this act gives prescribers and pharmacies another six months to implement the requirement that written (nonelectronic) prescriptions for Medicaid-covered outpatient drugs be executed on tamper-resistant prescription pads.

What this means to you

On October 1, there will be **no change** in how DMAP reimburses for Medicaid outpatient drugs based on tamper-resistant requirements. You now have until April 1, 2008 to meet the requirements. DMAP will let you know if these requirements change between now and April 1.

Thank you for your efforts to meet the October 1 date. We hope that the new implementation date will allow for a smoother transition to tamper-resistant pads.



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