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Topic: Medical Benefits

Subject: Provider announcement: Reminders about tamper-resistant prescription pad (TRPP) requirements

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): DHS staff and others identified on the SPD, CAF, AMH and DMAP transmittal lists |

Message:

DMAP forwarded the following letter to the Oregon State Pharmacy Association to fax to all their members. It reminds pharmacies which prescriptions require tamper-resistant prescription paper, and what to do when a prescription should be tamper-resistant, but isn't.

DMAP will also include this reminder in remittance advices mailed to prescribing providers and pharmacies the weeks of 4/7 and 4/14.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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New DMAP prescription requirement now in rule

To meet the federal tamper-resistant prescription requirement, 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).

OAR 410-121-0145 (Prescription Requirement) has been revised to enforce this requirement effective April 1, 2008. You can read the full rule on the DMAP Web site at www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html.

The tamper-resistant prescription pad requirement applies whether DMAP is the primary or secondary payer.

Managed care prescriptions are not affected by this change

The tamper-resistant prescription pad requirement only applies to prescriptions paid by DMAP on a fee-for-service basis. Prescriptions paid for by a managed care entity (*i.e.*, an OHP medical or dental plan) do not need to meet tamper-resistant prescription pad requirements.

What to do when a prescription is not on tamper-resistant paper

Prescribers	<p>If you do not have a supply of tamper-resistant prescription pads yet, CMS has confirmed that a hologram sticker fixed to the front of a regular, non-tamper-resistant prescription will be accepted as a tamper-resistant prescription for the initial phase of April 1 through September 30, 2008.</p> <p>After October 1, 2008, the written prescriptions must contain all three characteristics noted in the guidance provided in the State Medicaid Director's Letter (SMDL) dated August 17, 2007.</p>
Pharmacies	<p>Remember that even if a non-tamper resistant prescription is presented to you, you can fill the prescription by telephoning the prescriber to verify the issuance of the prescription and that would also be acceptable.</p>

For more information

- Go to the new Tamper Resistant Prescription Pad information" page on the DMAP Web site at www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/trpp.html. This page provides links to information about TRPP pad requirements, vendor lists, CMS guidance and past TRPP announcements.
- For questions about this letter, contact DMAP Provider Services at 800-336-6016 or e-mail dmap.providerservices@state.or.us.