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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 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. 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.