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On Oct 1st 2007.....AT LEAST 1
SECURITY FEATURE MUST BE ON THE PAD

By Oct 1st 2008.....ALL 3
SECURITY FEATURES MUST BE USED.....

TAMPER-RESISTANT PRESCRIPTION PADS THAT MEET MEDICAID REQUIREMENTS

CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) recently released guidance to State Medicaid agencies in regards to Federal legislation requiring use of tamper-resistant prescription pads. The law is intended to reduce occurrences of fraudulent and counterfeit prescriptions.

Effective **October 1, 2007** , a tamper-resistant Prescription Pad must contain at **least one** of the following:

* one or more industry-recognized features designed to prevent unauthorized copying of a completed or blank prescription form:

Void pantograph on all tamper-resistant prescription pads.

* one or more industry-recognized features designed to prevent the erasure or modification of information written on the prescription by the prescriber:

Chemical protection paper on all tamper-resistant prescription pads.

* one or more industry-recognized features designed to prevent the use of counterfeit prescription forms **1)Heat sensitive thermochromic ink, 2) Micro Print, 3) Watermark on all tamper-resistant prescription pads.**

Effective **October 1, 2008**, a tamper-resistant Prescription Pad must contain all of the above required security features for Medicaid.