

## Important reminders

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

#### 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 <a href="https://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html">www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html</a>.

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	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.
	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.
Pharmacies	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.

#### For more information

- Go to the new Tamper Resistant Prescription Pad information" page on the DMAP Web site at <a href="https://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/trpp.html">www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/trpp.html</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:dmap.providerservices@state.or.us">dmap.providerservices@state.or.us</a>.