

Tamper-Resistant Prescriptions at NIH

EFFECTIVE TODAY OCTOBER 1, 2008

To comply with the new CMS law, all take-home medication prescriptions written as 'Not Required for Study' or using the 'Take Home Medication Prescription' blank order, under the Take Home session type, will print on tamper-resistant paper in the Outpatient Pharmacy.

You will no longer need to print/reprint the prescription to the location at which the patient is located; the prescription will print directly in the Pharmacy.

SIGNATURE & SIGNATURE FORM

Your electronically scanned signature will print on the paper prescription if it is on file. If your signature is not on file, you will have to come to the Pharmacy to sign the prescription. Please note: The Pharmacy cannot release printed prescriptions to a patient without the prescriber's signature.

Your Credentialing Coordinator will contact you to have your signature put on file. Additionally, a copy of the form for signature capture is found at <http://cris.cc.nih.gov>. Follow the instructions to complete and submit the form. Your secure signature will be used ONLY for prescriptions filled outside of the NIH Pharmacy.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

NEW - All controlled substances will be filled by the Outpatient Pharmacy and therefore the patient will not receive a paper prescription.

WHAT WILL NOT CHANGE - Prescriptions for Schedule II Controlled Substances will continue to require a signed order requisition form before the medication is dispensed to the patient.

ORDERS PLACED 'ON BEHALF OF' A PRESCRIBER

Orders entered 'On Behalf of' are no longer permitted for the TAKE HOME MEDICATION PRESCRIPTION blank order or TAKE HOME medication orders that are 'Not Required for Study (NRFS)'.

WHY CHANGE TO TAMPER-RESISTANT PRESCRIPTIONS?

This change for Outpatient Pharmacy prescriptions is being implemented as an outcome of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) law to fight Medicaid fraud and abuse which will be fully enforced starting October 1, 2008. All written prescriptions for outpatient medications prescribed for a Medicaid beneficiary must be written on tamper-resistant paper. We have extended the use of this form for all take home prescriptions filled off campus.

For QUESTIONS, feel free to contact one of the following:

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