

Timeline & Requirements for Federal Medicaid Prescription Pads / Tamper-Resistant

- Pursuant to 2007 federal law, section 7002(b) of the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act of 2007, effective April 1, 2008, practitioners are required to use tamper-resistant prescription pads when writing a prescription for any drug for Medicaid recipients. This requirement does not apply to prescriptions communicated electronically, verbally, or by fax.
 - Timeline set by CMS to State Medicaid Agencies
 - April 1, 2008 – at least one or more industry-recognized security features required on tamper-resistant pads
 - October 1, 2008 – at least three industry-recognized security features required on tamper-resistant pads
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