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### New Medicaid Prescription Requirements

[Letter from Medical Assistance Division](#), NM Human Services Department

Effective April 1, 2008 all medicaid prescriptions must be written/printed on tamper-resistant forms to be eligible for pharmacy reimbursement. (Implementation of these requirements has been delayed from October 1, 2007 to April 1, 2008.)

Exceptions include:

- Nursing Facilities
- Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded (ICF-MR)
- Other specified institutional and clinical settings
- Managed care prescription payment (Salud)

E-prescribing, faxing or telephoning prescriptions to pharmacies are encouraged and do not require special forms.

Tamper-resistant prescription forms must contain at least one (1) defined feature as of April 1, 2008. By April 1, 2009, tamper-resistant prescription forms must contain all three (3) defined features.

Tamper resistant prescription form defined features are:

- Prevent unauthorized copying of completed or blank Rx form
- Prevent erasure or modification of information written by prescriber
- Prevent use of counterfeit Rx forms

Additional information is available from the [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services \(CMS\)](#) website.

The following information is required by state law to appear on all written prescriptions:

Every written prescription shall contain the name, license classification and address of the prescriber, the name and address of the patient, the name and strength of the drug, the quantity prescribed, directions for use, the date of issue, and signature of the practitioner. Prescriptions written for a controlled substance must also include the practitioner's DEA registration number. (We recommend a space/blank for the DEA number to be filled in by the practitioner when writing the Rx). The Board also recommends including the diagnosis or medical indication for the drug prescribed.

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<http://www.rld.state.nm.us/pharmacy/TamperResistantForms.html>

Check out the above address for New Mexico updates as they are posted.

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