

### **Tamper Resistant Prescription Pads**

The Department supports the concept of tamper-resistant prescription pads; however, such a requirement, in order to be effective, would need to be implemented on a state-wide basis for all prescribers. Such a system would not be appropriate for the Department to direct rather, it would be best directed by the North Dakota Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Medical Examiners.

The Department recommends that, if the Legislature wants to pursue the use of Tamper Resistant Prescription Pads, that it consider assigning that responsibility to an entity with state-wide, all-prescriber capabilities.

### **Information Efforts – Medicare Part D**

The Department has partnered with the North Dakota State Library to use two of their services: Talking Books and Dakota Radio Information Services (DRIS) to provide specific information regarding Medicare Part D. First, we submitted an article, which was included in their fall edition of the *Discovery* newsletter. This newsletter is sent to patrons who subscribe to Talking Books and DRIS, and in addition, is recorded and distributed to patrons who are not able to read the large-print version. Second, the Department submitted two fact sheets, which were broadcast for two weeks on the DRIS programs. The state library has received positive feedback on these efforts.

<http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/testimony/2005-2006-interim/budget-human-services/20051214-medicaid-implementing-hb1459-hb-1460.pdf> (page 8 of 10)

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