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Government Delays Tamper-Resistant Prescription Pad Law

A federal law requiring outpatient Medicaid prescriptions to be written on tamper-resistant pads has been delayed until April 1, 2008.

The extension was included in an unrelated act signed by President George Bush on Sept. 29. Many physician and pharmacy groups, including the Pennsylvania Medical Society and the American Medical Association, had asked for a delay of the mandate.

Providers are required to write Medicaid outpatient, fee-for-service prescriptions on pads that meet one of three standards beginning April 1, and all three standards beginning Oct. 1, 2008, according to a [Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare \(DPW\) bulletin](#). The requirement does not apply to verbal, fax, or electronic prescriptions.

The standards require pads to prevent erasure or modification of information, unauthorized copying, or use of counterfeit prescription forms. CMS has allow each state to select the standard it wants providers to meet by April 1, and DPW has asked to Pennsylvania providers to meet the first standard.

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