

Representative and Senators and make your voice heard.

If your Representative already signed on to other AMP fix legislation, H.R. 3140 (Reps. Rick Boucher and Virgil Goode) or H.R. 3193 (No Virginia Rep currently signed on) please thank them and let them know that due to the urgent nature of getting a bill passed prior to the end of the year, you would ask them to also co-sponsor H.R. 3700.

Sample Comments to use when contacting your Representative and Senators
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Text of H.R. 3700

● **Tamper-Resistant Medicaid Prescription Pads Delayed 6 Months Until April 1, 2008**

On Saturday, September 29, President Bush signed HR.3668 which will delay the implementation of tamper-resistant Medicaid prescription pads for 6 months. The new implementation date is now April 1, 2008.

Click here for the press release from the White House.

Click here for the Virginia Medicaid memo announcing the delay.

Included in H.R.3668, the TMA (Transitional Medical Assistance), Abstinence Education, and QI (Qualifying Individuals) Programs Extension Act of 2007 was the following:

SEC. 5. 6-MONTH DELAY IN REQUIREMENT TO USE TAMPER-RESISTANT PRESCRIPTION PADS UNDER MEDICAID.

- Effective as if included in the enactment of section 7002(b) of the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 (Public Law 110-28, 121 Stat. 187), paragraph (2) of such section is amended by striking 'September 30, 2007' and inserting 'March 31, 2008'.

VPhA will continue to update you on any additional information concerning tamper-resistant pads as it becomes available.

For all information pertaining to the Tamper-resistant requirement, click here.

● **Fraud, Waste and Abuse Audits**

Your pharmacy might have recently received notification from Part D plan sponsors of the requirement of training and education in fraud, waste and abuse (FWA).

CMS requires Medicare plan sponsors to have policies and procedures to identify and address fraud, waste and abuse (FWA) in the delivery of prescription drugs through the Medicare benefit. CMS also requires Medicare plan providers to have a procedure in place to facilitate pharmacies fraud, waste and abuse training and education.

One training program that we are currently aware of is Preventing Fraud, Waste and Abuse (jointly developed by NACDS and Learnsomething.com and made

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available to State Pharmacy Associations). This 1 HR CE program was developed to help community pharmacies educate their employees to detect and prevent fraud, waste and abuse (FWA) in government health care programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid.

Preventing Fraud, Waste and Abuse online training

We will make you aware of any other additional training resources available.

- **RxWiki.com, the first Online Medication Therapy Management Encyclopedia Written By Pharmacists Launched**

NCPA, APhA, NASPA, and Mirixa Corporation announced on August 8th the beta launch of www.RxWiki.com, the first Web 2.0 medication therapy management encyclopedia for consumers, written and edited by pharmacists. RxWiki is a free website publishing pharmaceutical, over-the-counter, and nutraceutical medication information. RxWiki also serves as a community network for pharmacists to create and share information for their patients and consumers at large, and to collaborate in the advancement of Medication Therapy Management (MTM).



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RxWiki.com Press Release

- **Final rule on Medicaid AMP FUL is now available**

CMS on Friday, July 6th put on display at the Federal Register a final rule that implements provisions of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA). The DRA established a new federal upper limit (FUL) calculation for the maximum the federal government will pay to states in federal matching funds or federal financial participation (FFP) for multi-source drugs (generics) dispensed through state Medicaid programs. The FUL is calculated at 250% of the lowest average manufacturer price (AMP) in a generic drug class. States with FULs above or below the FUL for individual drug classes and still receive the full FFP as long as overall multi-source drugs subject to a FUL are under the annual aggregate cap. Please see the [CMS Press Release](#) for more information.

Note: retail pharmacies can anticipate that Medicaid generic reimbursement will not be subject to DRA-based FUL until the beginning of 2008.

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Anticipated Average Manufacturer Price/Federal Upper Limits Timeline

- **Commonwealth of Virginia Pandemic Flu - Antiviral Distribution Plan**

In preparing for a possible pandemic flu event, The Commonwealth of Virginia is participating in a program with the federal government to distribute a finite amount of antiviral medications.

The Virginia Department of Health is looking for pharmacies that would be willing to participate in this program. The goal is to enroll a sufficient number of pharmacies to provide a geographical balance of dispensing antiviral medications around the state.

If you are interested in participating in this program, [please click here for more information.](#)

- **DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Implementation Contractor Website**

- [DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Implementation Contractor \(CBIC\) Web Site](#)

Competitive Acquisition for DMEPOS Overview web page

• **New VPhA Career Center now open!**

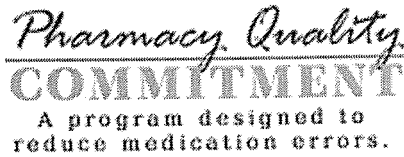
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Delay in Implementation of Tamper Resistant Prescription Pads

The U.S. Congress has passed and the President signed legislation (H.R. 3668) for a six-month delay in the implementation of the newly enacted federal mandate that all non-electronic prescriptions for Medicaid enrollees be written on tamper-resistant paper. The provisions of this law will now become effective on April 1, 2008. Virginia Medicaid will comply with the implementation delay in accordance with this federal legislation.

Congress recently enacted a law that mandates the use of tamper-resistant prescription pads for most outpatient prescriptions written for fee-for-service Medicaid recipients, which was originally scheduled to become effective October 1, 2007. You may refer to the *Virginia Medicaid Memo* dated September 5, 2007 (http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/downloads/pdfs/mm-Implm_TPPR.pdf) for details on the implementation of the tamper resistant prescription pad requirement. A web page has also been established on the DMAS web site to offer additional information and updates: <http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/pharm-news.htm>.

Providers and recipients can also contact the First Health Services Clinical Call Center at 1-800-932-6648 (available 24 hours a day, seven days a week) with questions specifically regarding this new legislative development.

Please share this important information with your colleagues.

<http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/downloads/pdfs/pharm-TRPP.pdf>

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Check out the above addresses for Virginia tamper resistant information updates.

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