

**REVISED MEMORANDUM**

TO: All Medicaid Pharmacies  
FROM: First Health Services  
DATE: March 12, 2008

RE: **Tamper-Resistant Prescription Pads and Prescription Origin Code**

On April 1, 2008, a new federal law goes into effect requiring Medicaid-covered outpatient prescriptions be written on tamper-resistant pads.

Effective for dates of service on and after April 1, 2008, tamper-resistant prescription forms must include **ONE** of the following characteristics:

1. Prevent unauthorized copying of a completed or blank prescription form.
2. Prevent erasure or modification of information written on the prescription by the prescriber.
3. Prevent the use of counterfeit prescription forms.

Effective Oct. 1, 2008, a prescription pad must contain **ALL** three of the above characteristics.

**Please note the following new claims submission instructions:**

Effective on claims with dates of service on and after April 1, 2008, one of the NCPDP standard values of 1 = Written, 2 = Telephone, 3 = Electronic or 4 = Facsimile will be required in NCPDP Field 419-DJ (Prescription Origin Code). Do not use a zero or null value in this field.

Information entered in Field 419-DJ will be used for auditing purposes.

Thank you for assisting First Health Services and the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) in complying with these new federal requirements.