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Pharmacy Announcement

Prescription Origin Code Instructions Updated for 2009

When the federal law went into effect requiring all written, non-electronic prescriptions for Medicaid Fee For Service outpatient drugs be written on tamper-resistant pads, pharmacies were instructed to enter a Prescription Origin Code in NCPDP Field 419-DJ on claim submissions. The instructions have been updated for 2009.



Effective on claims with dates of service on and after Jan. 7, 2009, one of the following numeric, standard values must be entered in Field 419-DJ: 0 = Not Specified; 1 = Written; 2 = Telephone; 3 = Electronic; or 4 = Facsimile. This field will no longer accept a null value. A null value in Field 419-DJ will reject the claim with NCPDP Error Code 33 – M/I Prescription Origin Code.

Information entered in Field 419-DJ will be used for auditing purposes. A value of “0” should only be used if the pharmacy does not actually know the format and does not have the access required to verify the origin of the original prescription.

If you have any questions, please contact the First Health Services Technical Call Center at (800) 884-3238.