

Best Practices* for Medicaid Tamper-Resistant Prescriptions (Hand-written or Printed from an EMR/ePrescribing Application)

Background

As of October 1, 2008, all fee-for-service Medicaid prescriptions that are either hand-written or printed from an Electronic Medical Records (EMR)/ePrescribing application must contain at least one feature from each of the three tamper-resistant categories.

No feature may be used twice:

- 1) One or more industry recognized features designed to prevent unauthorized copying of a completed or blank prescription.
- 2) One or more industry recognized features designed to prevent the erasure or modification of information written on the prescription by the prescriber.
- 3) One or more industry recognized features designed to prevent the use of counterfeit prescriptions.

Best Practices* for Hand-Written Tamper-Resistant Prescriptions:

Category 1: ✓ Photocopies "COPY", "ILLEGAL", or "VOID" Pantograph

Category 2: ✓ An erasure revealing background (resists erasures and alterations)

✓ Quantity check off box

✓ Refill indicator (circle number of refills or "NR")

Category 3: ✓ Security features and descriptions listed on the prescription

See sample of a tamper-resistant prescription pad on following page:

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Sample Tamper-Resistant Prescription Pad

3.a Security features listed on prescription

2.b Quantity check-off box

1.a ILLEGAL pantograph

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UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER
1234 HOSPITAL DRIVE
ANY CITY, XX 12345

(555) 123-4567 DEA # _____
LIC. # _____
NPI # _____

NAME _____ AGE _____
ADDRESS _____ DATE _____

TAMPER-RESISTANT FEATURES INCLUDE:
SAFETY BLUE ERASE-RESISTANT BACKGROUND
AND "ILLEGAL" PANTOGRAPH

R

1-24
 25-49
 50-74
 75-100
 101-150
 151 and over
 _____ Units

VOID

Refill NR 1 2 3 4 5
 LABEL

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2.c Refill indication (circle quantity)

2.a An erasure revealing background (resists erasure and alteration)

Best Practices* for Tamper-Resistant Prescriptions (Generated by an EMR/EPrescribing Application)

Example A

Washington Medical Group
555 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington DC 20001
202-222-2222 (Fax) 202-222-1111

Name Jane Q. Public **Date** 06/29/2008
Addr 123 Main Street **DOB** 07/04/1960
City Washington, DC 20001 **Ph:** 202-555-5555

HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE 12.5 MG CAPS One (1) tab by mouth each morning
Generic: HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE
Disp ***30*** THIRTY (2)
Refill ***3*** THREE

Security features: (1) boxed & spelled quantities, microprint signature line visible at 5x or > magnification that must show THIS IS AN ORIGINAL PRESCRIPTION & the description of features (3)

(1) John Smith, MD
NPI# 1111111111

- Category 1:** ✓ Copy Resistance: Microprint signature line**
- Category 2:** ✓ Modification / Erasure Resistance: Border characteristics (dispense and refill # bordered by asterisks AND spelled out)
✓ Modification / Erasure Resistance: Printed on "toner-lock" paper
- Category 3:** ✓ Counterfeit Resistance: Listing of security features

** Microprint Line viewed at 5x magnification – when copied this will be illegible to the pharmacist

THIS IS AN ORIGINAL PRESCRIPTION-THIS IS AN ORIGINAL PRESCRIPTION-THIS IS AN ORIGINAL PRESCRIPTION-THIS IS AN ORIGINAL PRESCRIPTION

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Example B

Washington Medical Group
555 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington DC 20001
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Name: Jane Q. Public
Addr: 123 Main Street
City: Washington, DC 20001

Date: 06/29/2008
DOB: 07/04/1960
Ph: 202-555-5555

HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE 12.5 MG CAPS One (1) tab by mouth each morning
Generic: HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE

Disp: ***30*** THIRTY (2)
Refill: ***3*** THREE

Security features include: (*) bordered and spelled quantities, a void pantograph and reverse Rx (when copied – the prescription will say "COPY" and the "Rx" in the upper right corner will NOT be visible), and this description of features.

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NPI# 1111111111

- Category 1:** ✓ Void/Illegal/Copy Pantograph with or without Reverse Rx
- Category 2:** ✓ Modification / Erasure Resistance: Border characteristics (dispense and refill # bordered by asterisks AND spelled out)
- ✓ Modification / Erasure Resistance: Printed on "toner-lock" paper
- Category 3:** ✓ Counterfeit Resistance: Listing of security features