



## Update Tamper-Resistant Prescription Pads

Beginning **April 1, 2008**, Montana Medicaid will require **WRITTEN** Medicaid prescriptions to be written on Tamper-Resistant Prescription Pads that meet the following criteria:

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

Beginning **October 1, 2008**, the Tamper-Resistant Prescription Pads **must contain all 3 characteristics** as mandated by CMS.

In addition, also beginning **April 1, 2008**, Medicaid and MHSP claims will require a "**Prescription Origin Code:**"

- 0 - not specified
- 1 - written prescription
- 2 - telephoned prescription
- 3 - electronic prescription
- 4 - facsimile prescription

Pharmacies may fill the full prescription of covered outpatient drugs written on non-compliant prescription pads, or a portion thereof at the pharmacist's discretion. However, pharmacies must verbally confirm the non-compliant prescription and document the call on the face of the prescription, or obtain a faxed, electronic, or compliant written prescription within 72 hours of the date the prescription was filled.

Most systems have the "**origin code**" feature easily accessible when you **ENTER A NEW PRESCRIPTION**, including QS1 systems and McKesson systems.

You may visit **www.MTPharmacist.org (In the Spotlight)** or **www.mtmedicaid.org** for more information. In addition, you may find a link on either site for a list of **CMS approved pad vendors** (including one in **Great Falls**, and one in **Helena**).

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