



## SoonerCare Fax Blast

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Subject: **Tamper Resistant Prescription Requirement**

Dear Provider:

Please note the following:

### **Tamper Resistant Prescription Pad Requirements**

Effective April 1, 2008, federal law requires that written prescriptions for Medicaid (SoonerCare) members must be executed on tamper-resistant prescription paper.

- The requirement will not apply to prescriptions that are called in, faxed in, or to electronic prescriptions (e-prescriptions).
- A prescription written for a non-schedule II drug on paper that is not tamper resistant can still be filled as long as the pharmacy calls the prescriber and receives confirmation that the prescription is authentic. Documentation of this call must be retained. This process will bring prescriptions into compliance with the tamper resistant requirement.
- A written order prepared in an institutional setting where the doctor or medical assistant writes the order into the medical record and medical staff gives the order directly to the pharmacy is considered tamper resistant, as long as the patient never has the opportunity to handle the written order.
- Emergency fills of non-compliant written prescriptions for non-schedule II drugs are permitted as long as the prescriber provides a verbal, faxed, electronic, or compliant written prescription within 72 hours.

To be considered tamper resistant on April 1, 2008 a prescription pad must contain at least one of the following three characteristics:

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

Effective October 1, 2008, a prescription pad must contain at least one feature from all three characteristics to be compliant with the tamper-resistant requirements.

Detailed information regarding tamper resistant requirements, including an extensive list of industry-recognized security features and OHCA recommendations, is available online at <http://www.okhca.org/WorkArea/showcontent.aspx?id=8264>

This detailed information can also be obtained by requesting a faxed copy from the OHCA Pharmacy Help Desk.

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