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Memorandum

Date: October 2, 2007

To: Alliance Providers

From: Provider Services Department

Re: Tamper Resistant RX Pads – Deadline Extended

On Friday, President George W. Bush signed legislation passed by Congress (H. R. 3667) to delay by 6 months the mandatory use of tamper-resistant prescription pads in state Medicaid programs.

The requirement would have gone into effect on October 1, requiring all hand-written prescriptions for Medicaid beneficiaries (330 million prescriptions last year) and (11% of all prescriptions) dispensed to be written on special, tamper-resistant pads.

Legislators and industry groups believe that the delay will provide much needed time to educate prescribers, pharmacists, and patients about the requirement and to print and distribute the pads to prescribers.

We will continue to work with you on the implementation of this new requirement which will be effective April 1, 2008.

If you have any questions, please contact Richard Johnson, PharmD, at 831-430-5553 or Angelique Milhouse, Provider Services Manager at 831-430-5531.