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Montana Healthcare Programs Notice

Pharmacies

Prescription Origin Code Enabled

Field 419-DJ, the prescription origin code, will be activated for pharmacy point of sale claims beginning April 1, 2008, due to the CMS tamper-resistant prescription pad mandate. On April 1, 2008, outpatient pharmacy claims for Montana Medicaid and MHSP will require the prescription origin code to indicate the source of the prescription.

Valid values for prescription origin code are:

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

When the pharmacy indicates a written prescription does not specify the prescription origin, they will receive an edit message reminder to ensure the prescription has met the CMS tamper resistant pad requirements. The Department will also use this indicator, focusing on Values 0 and 1, to streamline the audit procedures mandated by CMS under this law.

Providers electing to bill the Department on the paper MA-5 form will be required to write the type of prescription media received plainly on the face of the form. Providers not indicating the prescription media type will be assigned a not specified status and will be subject to audit.

Tamper-resistant pads:

Beginning April 1, 2008, written prescriptions filled on or after this date must contain at least one of the tamper-resistant criteria listed on the provider notice dated 9/20/2007.

<http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov/pdf/physician092007.pdf>

Contact Information

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