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Montana Medicaid Notice

Physicians, Mid-Level Providers, Dentists, Pharmacies, and Inpatient and Outpatient Hospitals

Tamper-Resistant Prescription Pads - POSTPONED

The Federal Law requiring written Medicaid prescriptions to be on Tamper-Resistant pads has been delayed until March 31, 2008, by H.R. 3668, the “TMA, Abstinence Education, and QI Programs Extension Act of 2007.”

The Department advises prescribers to take this time to obtain supplies of Tamper-Resistant prescription pads for their Medicaid prescriptions. The Department will continue to update the list of tamper resistant prescription pad vendors on its website at <http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov/providerpages/prescriptions.shtml>. For providers who elect to seek out their own vendors the Department is available to evaluate these tamper-resistant prescription pads upon request to ensure compliance with published guidelines.

Please direct any questions regarding this notice to the following personnel: Physician and Mid-Level providers: Denise Brunett at (406) 444-5778; Dentists: Jan Paulsen at (406) 444-3182; Pharmacy providers: Wendy Blackwood at (406) 444-2738; Hospitals: Debra Stipcich at (406) 444-4834.

Contact Information

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