NEW MEDICAID REQUIREMENTS FOR TAMPER-RESISTANT PRESCRIPTIONS ARE DELAYED UNTIL APRIL 1, 2008.

The Maryland Medical Assistance Program issued General Provider Transmittal No. 63 on August 31, 2007 informing prescribers and providers of the new requirements concerning Tamper-resistant Prescriptions. Due to federal legislation recently passed and signed, the new requirements, which were to be applicable effective October 1, 2007, will now be effective April 1, 2008. The law requires that all written, non-electronic prescriptions for Medicaid outpatient drugs must be executed on tamper-resistant pads in order for them to be reimbursed by the Medicaid Program.