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## **Client Advisory Update Implementation of Medicaid's New Tamper-Resistant Prescription Requirement Delayed**

**Deadline delayed for compliance with “tamper-resistant” prescription pads rule.** On September 29, 2007, the President signed legislation (H.R. 3668) delaying for six months the implementation of the newly enacted federal mandate that all non-electronic prescriptions for Medicaid enrollees be written on tamper-resistant paper. The provisions of this law will now become effective on April 1, 2008. This was the topic of Mellette PC's September 27, 2007 Client Advisory.

Although the effective date is no longer October 1, 2007, the law still requires the use of tamper-resistant prescription pads for most outpatient prescriptions written for fee-for-service Medicaid recipients. The additional six months should make it easier to comply with the tamper resistant paper requirements.

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