



# Pharmacy Update

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## **Tamper Resistant Prescription Requirements Update**

**(Please note that the information below supersedes any contradictory information that was distributed by OHCA prior to 9/19/2007.)**

CMS recently updated its guidance regarding the new federal tamper-resistant prescription pad requirements to include the following:

- A prescription written on paper that is not tamper resistant can be filled as long as the pharmacy calls the prescriber and receives confirmation of the prescription's authenticity. Documentation of this call must be retained. This process will bring prescriptions into compliance with the federal tamper resistant regulations (including prescriptions for Schedule II controlled substances).
- A written order prepared in an institutional setting for long term care where the doctor or medical assistant writes the order into the medical record and then the order is given by medical staff directly to the pharmacy is considered "tamper resistant," as long as the patient never has the opportunity to handle that written order.

## **DME Accreditation**

Earlier this year, the OHCA sent out notice of changes in the rules regarding durable medical equipment (DME) suppliers (reference provider letter OHCA 2007-37). During the last few weeks, OHCA has discussed the accreditation deadline with DME providers and Medicare-deemed accreditation organizations for quality standards. OHCA has concluded that the January 2008 date for accreditation requirement is not feasible for some providers and **has extended the accreditation deadline to January 2011.**

In the interim, any other participation requirements that are not outlined in the new rules will be addressed in your renewal contract, currently scheduled for renewal on 12-31-07. The fee schedule for HCPCS codes A0021 through V5364 was updated effective 09-01-07. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Provider Services at 1-877-823- 4529, option 2.

Additionally, OHCA is working to change current policy to allow pharmacies to submit claims for diabetic supplies through the Pharmacy Point of Sale (POS) system. This would eliminate the requirement of a DME contract or a separate claims mechanism for pharmacies who only wish to provide diabetic supplies. Diabetic supplies include glucometers and associated supplies, testing strips, lancets and lancing devices, insulin syringes and alcohol swabs. This policy is being developed as a rule change and would not take effect until July 2008 at the earliest.

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