



NEW HAMPSHIRE MEDICAID PHARMACY PROGRAM

TO: **NH Medicaid Pharmacy Providers**

FROM: Rob Coppola Pharm D, MBA
Account Director

SENDER'S PHONE: **(603) 224 - 2083**

SENDER'S FAX: (603) 224 - 6690

RE: **Tamper Resistant Prescription Pads**

DATE: 04/09/08

PHARMACY PROVIDER NOTICE

Information about Computer Generated Prescriptions in response to concerns over Dartmouth-Hitchcock computer generated prescriptions:

An evaluation of recent communications with CMS indicates that the following features are acceptable to satisfy the April 1st deadline for a single characteristic tamper-resistant prescription requirement, in addition to other features outlined in prior provider notices.

<u>Feature</u>	<u>Description</u>
Quantity Border and Fill (for computer-generated prescriptions on plain paper only)	Quantities are surrounded by special characters, such as an asterisk, to prevent alteration (e.g. QTY **50**). Values may also be expressed as text, e.g. (FIFTY).
Refill Border and Fill (for computer generated prescriptions on plain paper only)	Refill quantities are surrounded by special characters, such as an asterisk, to prevent alteration (e.g. QTY **5**). Values may also be expressed as text, e.g. (FIVE).

CMS recently provided updated information that may be of value at: [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/DeficitReductionAct/ Downloads/TamperUpdate.pdf](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/DeficitReductionAct/Downloads/TamperUpdate.pdf)

You may view Provider Notices for the Pharmacy Program for specific information on the federal requirements at:

<http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/MEDICAIDPROGRAM/PBM.htm> or
<http://newhampshire.fhsc.com/>

If you have any questions you may contact Lise Farrand, R.Ph. at 603-271-4419.