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To: All Providers

RE: Tamper Resistant Prescription Pads

A provision of Public Law 110-28 (Iraq War Supplemental Appropriations bill) mandates that all non-electronic prescriptions provided to Medicaid recipients written on or after October 1, 2007 be written on tamper-resistant pads.

The time allowed to implement this federal mandate is extremely short; Medicaid has not received guidance from CMS regarding the procedures for use of tamper-resistant prescription pads. Specifically, no requirements have been issued to state Medicaid programs as to what constitutes a tamper-resistant pad.

Alabama is taking immediate steps to determine how to comply with this federal law and most importantly, how to ensure that Medicaid recipients continue to have access to medically-necessary medications prescribed legally by their physicians.

Medicaid is coordinating with physician and pharmacy associations and conducting additional research to determine the necessary Administrative Code and Medicaid policy changes that need to be made to comply with the new federal law.

Updates regarding this new federal mandate and the Agency's response will be made available on the Agency's website at www.medicaid.alabama.gov and through the Pharmacy Program Listserv. To subscribe to the Pharmacy Listserv, visit the Agency website at www.medicaid.alabama.gov, click on Programs/ Pharmacy Services/[Click here to subscribe](#) (on the right side of the screen) and follow the prompts to send a subscription email.

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