

## STATE-APPROVED TAMPER-RESISTANT PRESCRIPTION PADS FACT SHEET

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**Question 1:** When will this law take effect?

**Answer:** The legislation's effective date is October 1, 2010. In Phase 1, starting October 1, 2010, practitioners must use prescription pads which meet CMS guidelines for tamper resistance. In Phase 2, starting July 1, 2011, practitioners must use the new State-approved prescription pads purchased from State-approved vendors.

**Question 2:** I am a Delaware-licensed practitioner. Am I required by law to use these scripts in Delaware?

**Answer:** Yes. Starting October 1, 2010, all Delaware-licensed practitioners who write prescriptions in Delaware are required to use pads which meet CMS guidelines for tamper resistance. Starting July 1, 2011, you must switch to the new State-approved prescription pads.

**Question 3:** Can I use my old prescription pads after October 1, 2010?

**Answer:** If the pads you now use already satisfy CMS requirements, you may continue to use them until July 1, 2011. If not, you must switch to compliant pads starting October 1, 2010. Scripts written by Delaware-licensed practitioners that are dated on or after July 1, 2011 must be on the new secure pads.

**Question 4:** Will prescriptions written outside of Delaware still be honored?

**Answer:** Yes. The law applies only to Delaware-licensed practitioners writing prescriptions in Delaware.

**Question 5:** I am a doctor in a nursing home in Wilmington. Will I be required to use the new State-approved pads for prescriptions?

**Answer:** You will not be required to use these prescription pads for in-house prescriptions through your in-house pharmacy. However, if your prescriptions are to be presented outside the facility, you must use CMS-compliant pads starting October 1, 2010 and the new State-approved prescription pads starting July 1, 2011.

**Question 6:** Who will be able to order the new State-approved scripts for use starting July 1, 2011?

**Answer:** To maintain internal control, only an authorized representative of each practice will be allowed to order pads.

**Question 7:** Will I be able to place an order for the new State-approved pads on a secure website?

**Answer:** Yes, that is part of the overall plan.

**Question 8:** Can I place an order for the new State-approved pads by phone?

**Answer:** Yes, that is also part of the overall plan.

**Question 9:** Whom will I contact to obtain my State-approved prescription pads?

**Answer:** You will be provided contact information for the vendors that are selected.

**Question 10:** How will I receive my order?

**Answer:** You will receive your order via mail or delivery.

**Question 11:** What can I expect to pay for State-approved prescription pads?

**Answer:** When the vendor selection process is completed, contact information of vendor(s) will be sent directly to authorized prescribers and listed at [dpr.delaware.gov](http://dpr.delaware.gov).

**Question 12:** Once I place an order with a vendor, how long will it take to receive the State-approved pads?

**Answer:** Delivery should take no longer than three days, and overnight shipping is always available.

**Question 13:** Can everyone in my practice have their own prescription pad with their name on each script?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question 14:** Will the new State-approved prescription pads be compatible for use as computer-generated scripts?

**Answer:** Yes, different formats will be available: written, computer-generated, and fax.