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UPDATE ON TAMPER-RESISTANT PRESCRIPTION PAD LAW

This notice explains the status of implementing the law related to tamper-resistant prescription forms.

Background

In June 2011, the Division of Professional Regulation sent an *Update on Prescription Pad Law* notice to all Delaware-licensed practitioners with prescriptive authority and posted it on the Division's home page. The notice stated that:

- Delaware-licensed practitioners must begin using new State-approved prescription forms *no later than March 1, 2012*. This date is based on the time needed to put in place new regulations governing the prescription forms and for all impacted parties to prepare for the changeover.
- Practitioners must purchase the approved forms from vendors that have registered with the Division.

At the time the notice was sent, the Division anticipated completing the vendor registration process and publishing a list of registered vendors online by October 1, 2011.

Current Status

The regulations governing manufacture of tamper-resistant prescription forms will go into effect on October 11, 2011. Since the regulations took longer to finalize than anticipated, the vendor registration process was also delayed. Vendor registration will begin on October 11 to coincide with the regulations' effective date.

What's Next?

- The final regulations were published in current issue of the [Register of Regulations](#). They will become effective on October 11.
- The application form for vendors that wish to register will be available on the Division's website at www.dpr.delaware.gov by October 11. In November, the Division will also provide a list of registered vendors on the website.
- All Delaware-licensed practitioners with prescriptive authority will receive a letter about tamper-resistant prescription forms in November 2011. This letter will include important information about ordering the State-approved forms from registered vendors.
- Practitioners may continue to use CMS compliant forms until March 1, 2012.