



# MARYLAND MEDICAID PHARMACY PROGRAM

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## ADVISORY

*In an effort to give timely notice to the pharmacy community concerning important pharmacy topics, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's (DHMH) Maryland Pharmacy Program (MPP) has developed the Maryland Pharmacy Program Advisory. To expedite information timely to the pharmacy and prescriber communities, an email network has been established which incorporates the email lists of the Maryland Pharmacists Association, EPIC, CARE, Long Term Care Consultants, headquarters of all chain drugstores and prescriber associations and organizations. It is our hope that the information is disseminated to all interested parties. If you have not received this email through any of the previously noted parties or via DHMH, please contact the MPP representative at 410-767-1455.*

### NEW MEDICAID REQUIREMENTS FOR TAMPER-RESISTANT PRESCRIPTIONS ARE DELAYED UNTIL APRIL 1, 2008.

The Maryland Medical Assistance Program issued General Provider Transmittal No. 63 on August 31, 2007 informing prescribers and providers of the new requirements concerning Tamper-resistant Prescriptions. Due to federal legislation recently passed and signed, **the new requirements, which were to be applicable effective October 1, 2007, will now be effective April 1, 2008.** The law requires that all written, non-electronic prescriptions for Medicaid outpatient drugs must be executed on tamper-resistant pads in order for them to be reimbursed by the Medicaid Program.

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