

## TAMPER-RESISTANT PRESCRIPTIONS

### DEADLINE EXTENDED

#### MEDICAID PRESCRIPTIONS WILL NOT REQUIRE TAMPER-RESISTANT PAPER FOR ANOTHER 6 MONTHS

- ◆ The **postponement** of a federal requirement that tamper-resistant paper be used for all Medicaid/Medicare prescriptions starting October 1, 2007 has passed Congress and is awaiting President Bush's signature (which is highly anticipated today).
- ◆ All Medicaid prescriptions – excluding C-II drugs – can be sent via fax.
- ◆ If you are using e-prescribing or an EMR system, C-III/IV/V prescriptions must be printed and manually signed before faxing them. This will not change with the new requirement. **Using your fax or e-prescribing software may significantly reduce your expenses** once this law goes into effect.
- ◆ The Primary Care Network already has the necessary prescription pads and paper. The offices that have already received these are encouraged to hold onto them until the requirement is enacted or until old prescription supplies are depleted. You may choose to start utilizing the new process prior to the deadline. Please contact your office leadership to confirm.
- ◆ The Westshore Health Network MSO is looking at various printing vendors to see where you might obtain the most cost-effective service. This information will be forthcoming.