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TO: AHCCCS Contractor CEOs
AHCCCS Contractor Medical Directors
AHCCCS Contractor Pharmacy Directors
AHCCCS Contractor Compliance Officers

FROM: Suzi Berman, RPh, Director of Pharmacy

SUBJECT: Tamper Resistant Prescription Pads (TRPP)

The purpose of this memo is to provide additional guidance on the required use of Tamper Resistant Prescription Pads (TRPP) which became effective on November 1, 2012. As a reminder, a memo which addressed the new requirements for TRPP was previously sent on April 27, 2012. The memo is located in the Pharmacy Information section on the AHCCCS website; the link to the section is provided below:

www.azahcccs.gov/commercial/pharmacyupdates.aspx

The previous memo requested Contractors to initiate discussions with all contracted prescribers and providers regarding the new TRPP requirements. Prescribers and providers were encouraged to contact their prescription pad vendors to ensure the availability of new pads that meet these requirements. TRPP became effective for written prescriptions on November 1st for all AHCCCS members. Claims auditing will begin for all prescriptions written for AHCCCS members on or after January 1, 2013.

The memo also stated, "Federal law prohibits payments for prescriptions that do not meet these requirements. The AHCCCS FFS and Contractors' PBMs must also include these requirements as part of their pharmacy review and audit processes."

With regard to audit provisions, the Contractor or Contractor's PBM shall contact AHCCCS to review audit findings regarding TRPP compliance prior to initiating any action.

If you have any questions, please contact the AHCCCS Pharmacy Department at (602) 417-4726 or visit the AHCCCS Pharmacy Information section at the above link.

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