

*Notice from the Bureau of TennCare:*

**October 1, 2007**

Attention TennCare Pharmacy Providers:

On September 29, 2007, the federal government passed a bill that delayed the implementation date for TennCare prescriptions to be written on Tamper Resistant Prescription pads by 6 months. As a result of this delay, **TennCare prescriptions will not be required to contain at least one tamper resistant feature as of October 1, 2007.** Therefore, contrary to the directives in recent TennCare notices, pharmacies should not begin to deny prescriptions for TennCare recipients on October 1, 2007 if they are written on a non-tamper resistant pad. In addition, pharmacies should not distribute the Non-Tamper Resistant Denial Notice to TennCare recipients. **We request that you alert your staff to this change in the effective date of the tamper resistant prescription requirement** so that TennCare patients may continue to receive prescriptions under their covered pharmacy benefit without any unnecessary delays.

TennCare will continue to notify pharmacy providers as we receive additional guidance from CMS on how and when to best implement requirements related to Tamper Resistant Prescription pads. We thank you for your cooperation on this issue.