

The Georgia Board of Pharmacy does not endorse or otherwise certify any printer or supplier of tamper resistant paper. The Board simply reviews and approves paper that meets the security features in the law and authorizes the application of the Board's seal to the approved paper. Board of Pharmacy approved tamper resistant prescription paper should be widely available from manufacturers once they have completed the steps for approval. Prescribers should check with their current paper or prescription supplier.

### **Board Approved Security Paper Vendors**

#### **Blanks/USA**

8626 Xylon Court  
Minneapolis, MN 55445  
800-328-7311

#### **DDS**

1560 Emerson Street  
Rochester, NY 14606  
888-569-0036

#### **Feld Printing, Inc.**

6806 Main Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45244  
800-543-4642

#### **Graphic Dimensions**

7775 The Bluffs, NW  
Austell, GA 30168  
678-945-5191

#### **Medi-Promotions, Inc.**

500 Route 17 South, Suite  
201  
Hasbrouck, NJ 07604  
800-283-0140

#### **Micro Format, Inc.**

830-3 Seton Court  
Wheeling, IL 60090  
800-333-0549

#### **Paris Business Products**

800 Highland Drive  
Westhampton, NJ 08060  
800-523-6454

#### **POS Professional Office Services, Inc.**

2757 Burton Avenue  
Waterloo, Iowa 50704  
800-331-4976

#### **Printco, Incorporated**

1434 Progress Lane  
Omro, WI 54963-0440  
920-685-5662

#### **Printegra**

5040 Highlands Parkway  
Smyrna, GA 30082  
800-444-5680

#### **Printing Technologies, Inc.**

6266 Morenci Trail  
Indianapolis, IN 46268  
800-428-3786

#### **Pyramid Checks & Printing**

208 Riverside Industrial  
Parkway  
Portland, Maine 04103  
800-782-8215

#### **RR Donnelley**

1117 Perimeter Center West,  
Suite N201  
Atlanta, GA 30338  
770-352-8438

#### **Rx Security, Inc.**

222 Grace Church Street  
#1000126, Suite 302  
Port Chester, NY 10573  
800-667-9723

#### **Southeastern Printing**

3601 SE Dixie Highway  
Stuart, FL 34997  
800-510-1050

#### **Standard Register**

600 Albany Street  
Dayton, OH 45408  
888-772-6245

#### **Wilmer**

515 W Sycamore St  
Coldwater, OH 45828  
866-494-5637 / 770-321-  
1433

#### **Wise**

555 McFarland/400 Drive  
Alpharetta, GA 30004  
888-815-9473

#### **Zapco, Inc.**

403 Zapalac Road  
Smithville, TX 78957  
800-429-6515

## Georgia Board of Pharmacy revises policy on Schedule II prescription forms

The Georgia Board of Pharmacy (GBP) has revised its policy on Schedule II prescription form requirements, which are scheduled to go into effect on October 1. Under the revised ruling, prescribers and pharmacists will be allowed to write and fill Schedule II prescriptions on the existing forms through the end of the calendar year if the prescriber notes that an emergency exists in the prescription. GBP is stressing that all Schedule II prescriptions issued after September 30 must contain this statement.

Click [here](#) to review the official “Use of Security Paper for Hard Copy Prescription Drug Orders” statement from the Office of the Secretary of State.

Monitor [www.mag.org](http://www.mag.org) for additional details.

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## The Office of Secretary of State

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Georgia Pharmacists

FROM: Georgia Board of Pharmacy

DATE: December 14, 2011

RE: Use of Security Paper for Hard Copy Prescription Drug Orders

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Effective July 1, 2011, O.C.G.A. § 26-4-80.1 was signed into law requiring that certain Schedule II prescriptions must be written on Board of Pharmacy approved security paper.

O.C.G.A. § 26-4-80.1. Use of security paper for hard copy prescription drug orders.

- (a) Effective October 1, 2011, every hard copy prescription drug order for any Schedule II controlled substance written in this state by a practitioner must be written on security paper.
- (b) A pharmacist shall not fill a hard copy prescription drug order for any Schedule II controlled substance from a practitioner unless it is written on security paper, except that a pharmacist may provide emergency supplies in accordance with the board and other insurance contract requirements.
- (c) If a hard copy of an electronic data prescription drug order for any Schedule II controlled substance is given directly to the patient, the manually signed hard copy prescription drug order must be on approved security paper that meets the requirements of paragraph (38.5) of Code Section 26-4-5.
- (d) Practitioners shall employ reasonable safeguards to assure against theft or unauthorized use of security paper and shall promptly report to appropriate authorities any theft or unauthorized use.
- (e) All vendors shall have their security paper approved by the board prior to marketing or sale in this state.
- (f) The board shall create a seal of approval that confirms that security paper contains all three industry recognized characteristics required by paragraph (38.5) of Code Section 26-4-5. The seal shall be affixed to all security paper used in this state.
- (g) The board may adopt rules necessary for the administration of this Code section.
- (h) The security paper requirements in this Code section shall not apply to:
  - (1) Prescriptions that are transmitted to the pharmacy by telephone, facsimile, or electronic means; or
  - (2) Prescriptions written for inpatients of a hospital, outpatients of a hospital, residents of a

nursing home, inpatients or residents of a mental health facility, or individuals incarcerated in a local, state, or federal correctional facility when the health care practitioner authorized to write prescriptions writes the order into the patient's medical or clinical record, the order is given directly to the pharmacy, and the patient never has the opportunity to handle the written order.

**HISTORY:** Code 1981, § 26-4-80.1, enacted by Ga. L. 2011, p. 659, § 5/SB 36.

On December 14, 2011, the Georgia Board of Pharmacy revised its policy regarding the Board's seal for tamper resistant prescription paper to use the language found in the state law regarding prescription pads:

**Georgia State Board of Pharmacy**  
**Policy on Approval of Security Paper for Prescription Pads or Paper**  
**Amended on 12-14-2011**

All vendors, which produce security paper used in the printing or creation of pads of prescriptions to be used in this state, and which security paper contains all of the following criteria will be deemed to be an approved vendor by the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy:(1) One or more industry-recognized features designed to prevent unauthorized copying of a completed or blank prescription form;

(2) One or more industry-recognized features designed to prevent the erasure or modification of information written on the prescription form by the practitioner; and

(3) One or more industry-recognized features designed to prevent the use of counterfeit prescription forms.

By meeting all of the criteria identified above, a vendor may market and sell security paper for use in the production of prescriptions and prescription pads in this state provided the vendor notifies the Board in writing and provides the Board a copy of the product. If the Board determines that the paper submitted does not meet the requirements listed above, the Board will notify the vendor in writing. The Board will maintain a list of approved vendors.

All approved security paper shall have the Board's seal of approval affixed to the paper. The Board's seal of approval, as shown below, will be ½ inch in diameter, with the text in the seal being Georgia font, with the Rx within the circle being a size of 9 pt, with the text "GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY" within the circle capitalized with a size of 4 pt, and the text "SEAL OF APPROVAL" underneath the Rx with a size of 3 pt and capitalized.

The seal as shown below is the official seal:



Where security paper is in the form of a prescription pad, each pad shall bear an identifying lot number, and each piece of paper in the pad shall be numbered sequentially beginning with the number one.

The security paper requirements shall not apply to:

- (1) Prescriptions that are transmitted to the pharmacy by telephone, facsimile, or electronic means; or
- (2) Prescriptions written for inpatients of a hospital, outpatients of a hospital, residents of a nursing home, inpatients or residents of a mental health facility, or individuals incarcerated in a local, state, or federal correctional facility when the health care practitioner authorized to write prescriptions writes the order into the patient's medical or clinical record, the order is given directly to the pharmacy, and the patient never has the opportunity to handle the written order.

In the event a prescription pad containing the Board seal, sequential numbering, and lot number is not available for the prescription or prescription paper containing the Board seal is not available for the prescription, and a medical health emergency exists, a prescription may be issued on paper meeting the requirements for approval for an amount of medication to cover not more than 30 days. The prescription must contain a statement that an emergency exists. All providers must have the board-approved security paper by March 31, 2012. This exception for emergencies only applies to prescriptions written before March 31, 2012.