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**TO: ALL FHCP AFFILIATED PHYSICIANS**

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**SUBJECT: IMPORTANT PRESCRIBING NEWS FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

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As a result of passage of House bill 7095, the Florida Department of Health (DOH) has advised that **effective July 1, 2011**, counterfeit-resistant prescription pads must be used by licensed healthcare practitioners who prescribe controlled substances. FHCP pharmacies must comply with this new law.

Florida Statutes were amended requiring licensed healthcare practitioners to purchase counterfeit-resistant prescription pads from vendors approved by the DOH. The vendors approved by the DOH will be required to provide monthly reports to the DOH documenting who purchased the prescription pads and how many were purchased.

A list of approved vendors and how to become an approved vendor can be seen on <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/counterfeit-proof.html>.

You can use vendor approved prescription pads or vendor approved printer paper for electronic health records.

If you have any questions in reference to this memo, please contact Wendy Myers, M.D. at 386 / 676-7135. Thank you.