



Matching Origin Codes to Correct Prescription Serial Number in Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS)

Reminder: The appropriate serial number is required when billing NY State Medicaid FFS. It has been noticed that many pharmacies are billing with incorrect information; there has been and continue to be audits on these fields submitted by pharmacies. Please utilize the following chart to make the serial number determination:

| ORIGIN CODE | CORRESPONDING SERIAL # | DESCRIPTION |
|-------------|------------------------|--|
| 1 | ONYSRx | Written - Prescriptions prescribed in NY will be on Official New York Prescription forms with a designated serial number to use. |
| 1 | ZZZZZZZZ | Written - Prescriptions prescribed from out-of-state providers or by prescribers within a federal institution (e.g., US Department of Veterans Affairs) or Indian Reservation. |
| 2 | 99999999 | Telephone - Prescriptions obtained via oral instructions or interactive voice response using a telephone. |
| 3 | EEEEEEEE | Electronic - Prescriptions obtained via SCRIPT or HL7 standard transactions, or electronically within closed systems.* |
| 4 | ONYSRx | Facsimile – ONYSRx Prescriptions obtained via fax machine transmission. |
| 4 | NNNNNNNN | Facsimile - Prescriptions obtained via fax machine transmission for nursing home patients (excluding controlled substances) in accordance with written procedures approved by the medical or other authorized board of the facility. |
| 5 | TTTTTTTT | Pharmacy - this value is used to cover any situation where a new Rx number needs to be created from an existing valid prescription such as traditional transfers, intra-chain transfers, file buys, software upgrades/migration, and any reason necessary to give it a new number.** |
| 5 | 99999999 | Pharmacy - this value is appropriate for "Pharmacy dispensing" when applicable such as non-patient specific orders, BTC (behind the counter), Plan B, established protocols, etc. |
| 5 | DDDDDDDD | Pharmacy - this value is used to cover prescriptions dispensed as Medically Necessary during a Declared State of Emergency (excluding controlled substances). |

*Fail-over electronically transmitted prescriptions that come to the pharmacy as a facsimile are invalid.

Reference: <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/pharm/pharmelectrans.htm>

** Remember to use original date prescribed as "written date" when processing prescription transfers. Transfers are not allowed for controlled substances in New York State.

For questions on this billing requirement, providers may contact the eMedNY Call Center at (800) 343-9000.