

Highmark Medicare Services Changes Name to Novitas Solutions, Inc.

As announced March 1, 2012, Highmark Medicare Services is changing its name to Novitas Solutions. Effective March 10, 2012, Novitas Solutions will begin migrating the current Highmark Medicare Services website to our new Novitas Solutions website. We are targeting completing our name-change to all active webpage content by March 30, 2012. The new Novitas Solutions website URL will be <https://www.novitas-solutions.com>. As this migration takes place, you will notice the following:

- Visiting <https://www.novitas-solutions.com> today will already take you to the current Highmark Medicare Services website.
- The Highmark Medicare Services website will be renamed to <https://www.novitas-solutions.com> and our main header logos will be changed to reflect our new company name.
- Throughout the website, we will be changing the verbiage within active web pages from “Highmark Medicare Services” to “Novitas Solutions.”
- There will be some historical documents on our website that will not be changed to our new company name. These documents (e.g., past Medicare Reports issues) were issued under our previous company name, and it is appropriate to keep these documents as they were originally issued.

We understand that many of our customers have currently bookmarked favorite pages throughout our website. During and after this migration is completed, those bookmarks should continue to work. We are employing an automatic redirect process that will redirect page requests to the correct new webpage. We do recommend that you update your bookmark for the new webpage once you are redirected.

We appreciate your patience as we move to <https://www.novitas-solutions.com>.

SOURCE: Medicare Web Updates

Tamper-Resistant Prescription Pad Update

Since the Tamper-Resistant Prescription Pad law took effect March 1, 2012, the Medical Society of Delaware has received several inquiries about utilizing old prescription pads. While tamper-resistant prescription pads are required for all medications – including controlled and non-controlled substances – the old prescription pads may be used for ordering glasses or contact lenses, durable medical equipment, or imaging tests.

Physicians' offices have also inquired about situations where a prescriber writes prescriptions in more than one state. Delaware's laws apply only to prescriptions written in Delaware. If a prescription is written in Delaware, it must be on tamper-resistant paper, even if the physician's main office is in another state. Similarly, if a physician has a main office in Delaware but also writes prescriptions in other states, he or she must follow that state's regulations when writing prescriptions there. Contact David Dryden at the Department of Professional Regulation at 302-677-7313 with questions.

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