



Printing Prescriptions on Security Paper

ExitCare® version 7.x

Numerous states, including New York, California, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine and West Virginia now require that Prescriptions be printed on tamper resistant paper. Some, such as Indiana, have additional requirements such as a watermark on the back specifically stating "Indiana Security Paper". Other states should be expected to adopt similar standards over the next several years.

ExitCare® version 7.x series has been specifically designed to meet these requirements, and to print on security paper. The prescription is handled by ExitCare® as a totally different print job from the rest of the patient instruction set, giving you considerable flexibility. Specifically, in version 7.x, the Rx print area is in the upper left-hand corner of the paper, to minimize paper waste. Through a change in the Options | Computer Settings | Print Settings, you may specify a different margin so you can print yours scripts on center aligned paper in your printer (usually about 1.7 inches on the left margin setting will do it). You can also specify how much space you want to put between the first and second scripts, if you are printing the scripts "2 up" versus 1 per page. Also, you can specify a separate printer for scripts, or even a second paper tray within a printer.

We have also worked with a national supplier for tamper-resistant security paper. The paper contains a variety of security features to prevent accurate unauthorized duplication of your computer-generated scripts. If copied, the word VOID will appear prominently in the background of the photocopied script. In addition, should someone attempt to erase a value, the paper will smear, clearly showing the attempt to alter the script. Additional features include a security back print that cannot be copied or scanned. Samples are available upon request for your review. You will note that it is virtually impossible to confuse a photocopy for the original. Try it for yourself.

The supplier working with ExitCare is MicroFormat of Wheeling, IL. They have established a web site where you can get further information, including ordering. The website specifically for paper designed to work with ExitCare version 7.0 is: www.RxPaper.com/exitcare. In quantity, the cost is less than 4¢ per script. Other tamper resistant prescription paper vendors are available as well.

Finally, there are printers available that have locking trays/doors to help protect the prescription paper stock from being easily accessible, including more conventional laser style printers or "label" type printers that use paper roll stock.

No system is completely tamper-proof, but using ExitCare to print the scripts and using security paper to minimize the chance of alterations is as close as technology allows today.