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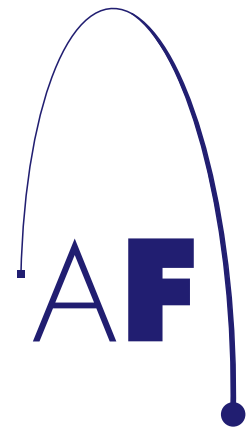
# AmeriFlex / IIAS UPDATE

NEW DEBIT CARD RULE EFFECTIVE DATE DELAYED SIX MONTHS

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Mount Laurel, New Jersey

December 12, 2008



Previous IRS guidance ([IRS Notice 2007-02](#)) indicated that as of January 1, 2009, FSA and HRA debit cards could no longer be used at any drug store or pharmacy that hadn't adopted an "inventory information approval system" (IIAS) or had at least 90% of its yearly sales in qualified medical items.

On December 4, 2008, the IRS released [Notice 2008-104](#) announcing a six month extension to the compliance deadline, allowing drug stores and pharmacies until July 1, 2009 to meet the requirements. This is welcome news as it allows cardholders the convenience to continue shopping at their local independent retailers.

An IIAS system allows for electronic "real-time" substantiation of purchases made with the FSA or HRA debit card improving point-of-service claim substantiation and ensuring that debit cards tied to health FSAs and HRAs are used only for items covered by those plans.

For the most up-to-date list of retailers currently in compliance, please visit <http://www.sig-is.org/en/index.asp>