Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substances

Improve safety and efficiency for physicians, pharmacies and patients

**Manage all prescriptions from one electronic workflow**

With Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substances (EPCS), paper, fax and telephone prescribing are not required. Partner with Surescripts to help:

- Reduce fraud and abuse
- Improve safety for all stakeholders
- Enhance patient care

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<th>3-9% of diverted drugs for abuse</th>
<th>Are tied to fraud and forgery of paper prescriptions.¹ EPCS can also help with fax and telephone-based fraud.</th>
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<td>MANY States</td>
<td>Require special Rx pads and records²</td>
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<td>Required when paper Rx pads are used in practices that e-prescribe</td>
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**EPCS enhances medication management**

Surescripts EPCS provides one efficient workflow for all prescriptions. The potential benefits of electronic over paper prescriptions for controlled substances² include:

- Reduced pharmacy and provider callbacks
- More secure electronic record keeping
- Efficiency savings of as much as $700M annually

²Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), Reducing and Preventing Adverse Drug Events to Decrease Hospital Costs, Publication #01-0020
³Economic Impact Analysis of the Interim Final Electronic Prescription Rule, DEA, U.S. Department of Justice, March 2010
EPCS provides a positive impact for e-prescribers

After implementing EPCS, prescribers perceived\(^4\) a significant decrease in medication errors and diversion. In addition:

- 70% of prescribers said EPCS was easy to use
- 70% of prescribers report improved accuracy and workflow
- 60% of prescribers report better prescription monitoring and pharmacy coordination

Opportunities with EPCS are growing

With just three states remaining for EPCS legislation, over one third of community pharmacies, mail order pharmacy with Express Scripts and thousands of prescribers already have EPCS-enabled software. Continued progress means growing opportunity for EHR vendors and pharmacies to help:

- Prevent prescription fraud and abuse
- Lower healthcare costs
- Improve safety and efficiency

*Early experience with electronic prescribing of controlled substances in a community setting*