Opioid Epidemic Act Creates Urgency for Arizona Prescribers

Opioid Prescriptions Must Be Sent Electronically Beginning January 1, 2019

The Arizona Opioid Epidemic Act signed by Governor Ducey this past January will require each prescription for a Schedule II opioid to be transmitted electronically beginning January 1, 2019 for Arizona's six largest counties and by July 1, 2019 for the remainder of the state. This new requirement, aimed at stemming the opioid crisis in Arizona, creates an urgent situation for Arizona prescribers, with less than 25 percent of prescribers currently set up for the electronic prescribing of controlled substances (EPCS).

To increase EPCS in Arizona and prepare Arizona prescribers for this new state requirement, Health Current has launched the Click for Control campaign. This campaign includes a basic fact sheet, information and resources on the Health Current website, as well as a series of free webinars for Arizona prescribers.

Many Arizona prescribers may face challenges and hardships in becoming EPCS ready for the deadline in their county. A one-year waiver is available to prescribers who face hardships.
that prevent the implementation of EPCS by the deadline. The waiver form for prescribers is available on the homepage of the Board of Pharmacy [website] under the heading WAIVERS FOR ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING MANDATE. The deadline for waiver applications is December 15, 2018. If you have questions on EPCS or the [Click for Control] campaign, please contact Health Current at (602) 688-7200 or eRx@healthcurrent.org.

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**Registration:** [Click Here]  |  **Agenda:** Coming Soon

**Renaissance Phoenix/Glendale Hotel Reservations:** [Click Here]

Summit room rate: $159.00/night plus taxes. Last day to make reservations at the Summit rate is November 12, 2018.

**Questions:** Please contact Kristine Aldrin at kristine.aldrin@healthcurrent.org for more information.
HIE Portal User Lunch and Learn Webinar Series

Health Current would like to invite participants and portal users to our new HIE User Lunch and Learn sessions. The HIE Portal User Lunch and Learn sessions will be held via WebEx, at a time we hope is convenient for most practices. These sessions will provide HIE users with an opportunity to have live conversations with our team to learn more about Health Current tools, hear updates and for HIE users to ask questions on subjects of interest. Combined with the use of our hiesupport@healthcurrent.com and account manager follow up visits, these sessions will add another level of support to all Health Current Portal users.

Upcoming webinars include:

- **September 19**: How to Integrate HIO Notice Into Your Workflow
- **October 10**: Tidying Up Direct Secure Mail Inbox
- **October 24**: How to Properly Fill Out Opt-Out and ROI Forms
- **November 14**: Tricks to Portal Use
- **November 28**: How to Properly Fill Out Opt-Out and ROI Forms
- **December 12**: Care Coordination & Case Management

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The Health IT Innovation Award and the Health IT Leader Awards are non-monetary recognition's of achievement and will be presented by Mercy Care during the annual Health Current Summit & Trade Show on December 4, 2018 at the Renaissance Phoenix/Glendale Hotel, Glendale, Arizona.

Nomination forms are available [here](#) and the deadline to submit nominations is October 1, 2018.

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**2016 Health IT Leadership Award**
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