



## **An Arizona Campaign to Increase the E-Prescribing of Controlled Substances**

The e-prescribing of controlled substances (EPCS) improves patient safety, quality and practice workflow in addition to reducing fraud and prescribing errors. In addition, EPCS will soon be a state requirement for all prescriptions of a Schedule II opioid.

### **Arizona Opioid E-Prescribing Requirement**

HB 2075 signed by Governor Ducey on February 14, 2019, amends the Arizona Opioid Epidemic Act and requires all Arizona providers to electronically prescribe any Schedule II controlled substance by January 1, 2020. It also removed the waiver process in the original legislation.

### **Benefits of EPCS**

- Improves prescribing workflow with all prescriptions managed/stored in one application
- Improves patient safety and quality
- Reduces fraud and helps fight the opioid epidemic

### **EPCS Steps for Prescribers**

1. Contact your EHR or e-prescribing vendor and ask if they are certified to do EPCS
2. Complete identity proofing requirement
3. Obtain dual authentication device or process
4. Set up access controls
5. Go live with EPCS and adjust workflow to manage all prescriptions in one application