Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substance (EPCS)

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Written & Electronically Transmitted Prescription Requirements
EPCS Click for Control Campaign - Shared Commitment

This presentation is provided through a shared commitment between Health Current, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and the Arizona Board of Pharmacy to manage and coordinate the statewide EPCS Click for Control Education Campaign.
Overview

• Permissible Handwritten Schedule II Opioid Prescription Situations & Record Keeping Requirements

• CSPMP Mandate and Access

• Click for Control Campaign Resources
Medical Practitioner Responsibilities
Medical Practitioner Limits & Requirements

• Beginning January 1, 2020, each prescription order, that is issued by a medical practitioner for a schedule II-controlled substance that is an opioid must be transmitted electronically to the dispensing pharmacy.
Medical Practitioner Limits & Requirements

Beginning January 1, 2020, each prescription order must:

• Bear the name, address and federal registration number of the prescriber

• Contain only one drug per order (Hospital inpatient order may contain multiple drugs)

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Medical Practitioner Limits & Requirements

• Initial schedule II-controlled substance prescription limited to a 5-day supply except:
  • Fourteen-day supply limit following surgical procedure
  • Oncology diagnosis situations
  • Traumatic injury pain management

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Medical Practitioner Limits & Requirements

• Initial schedule II-controlled substance prescription limited to a 5-day supply except:
  • Hospice patient and end-of-life situations
  • Palliative and/or skilled nursing facility patient
  • Burn or MAT treatment patient
  • Infant being weaned off opioids
Pharmacist Responsibilities
Pharmacist Limits & Requirements

• Schedule II-controlled substances:
  • Dispensed only with electronic order
  • May not be dispensed more than ninety days after date of prescription order
  • May not be refilled
Pharmacist Limits & Requirements

• If authorized verbally by the prescriber:
  • Pharmacist may correct errors/omissions on written or EPCS orders:
    • Date issued
    • Strength
    • Dosage form
    • Quantity
    • Use directions
Pharmacist Limits & Requirements

• If authorized verbally by the prescriber:
  • Pharmacist must document changes made:
    • Time/date prescriber granted authorization to correct order
    • On original order

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Pharmacist Limits & Requirements

NOT covered in this presentation, prescription orders:

• To be compounded for administration by parenteral, intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous or intraspinal infusion

• Long-term care facility residents, hospice care

• Controlled substances dispensed to consumers

• Veterinary prescribing and dispensing

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Medical Practitioner & Pharmacist Responsibilities
Medical Practitioner & Pharmacist Requirements

Written schedule II-controlled substance prescription:

• Medical practitioner may write - Pharmacist may dispense when:
  • Electronic prescribing system is not operational
  • Pharmacy management system is not operational
  • Both must maintain record of when system(s) were not operational or available

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Medical Practitioner & Pharmacist Requirements

Emergency situations:

Emergency quantities of schedule II-controlled substances may be orally ordered and dispensed

- Pharmacist must transcribe oral prescription order containing all required information except medical practitioner manual signature

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Medical Practitioner & Pharmacist Requirements

Emergency situations:

Emergency quantities of schedule II-controlled substances may be orally ordered and dispensed

- Medical practitioner must deliver written or electronically prepared order to dispensing pharmacist within 7 days

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Medical Practitioner & Pharmacist Requirements

Written schedule II-controlled substance prescription:

• Medical practitioner may write - Pharmacist may dispense when:

  • Prescription orders for Federal:
    • VA facility, military base health facility, Indian Health Services hospital or other Indian Health Services facility or tribal-owned clinic patients

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Arizona vs. National Landscape
As of May 2020:
Arizona ranks 4th in the Nation for EPCS Prescriber Readiness

Source: Surescripts - https://surescripts.com/enhance-prescribing/e-prescribing/e-prescribing-for-controlled-substances/
# How Does Arizona Compare for EPCS?

## National vs Arizona for EPCS (May 2020 data)

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- Virtually ALL Arizona Pharmacies Enabled
- Arizona Prescribers: 20% AHEAD of national numbers

Controlled Substance Prescription Monitoring Program (CSPMP)
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**What is a CSPMP?**
CSPMPs are state-run databases that collect patient-specific prescription information at the time of dispensing from a pharmacy.

**What is the purpose of a CSPMP?**
Improve clinical decision-making, reduce doctor shopping, decrease inappropriate prescribing, reduce diversion of controlled substances, and assist in other efforts to curb the prescription drug abuse epidemic.

Beginning October 16, 2017, Arizona prescribers are required to access information from the Arizona CSPMP before a prescription for an opioid analgesic or benzodiazepine-controlled substance is generated.
Controlled Substance Prescription Monitoring Program (CSPMP)

Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S.) § 36-2606 (link is external) requires each medical practitioner licensed under Title 32, who possesses a DEA license to:

- Review preceding 12 months of a patient’s CSPMP record before prescribing an opioid analgesic or benzodiazepine-controlled substance listed in schedule II, III or IV.

- Exceptions to reviewing a patient record are described in A.R.S. § 36-2606 (link is external). Medical residents may register using the hospital DEA number and appropriate suffix. Prescribers must register here (link is external).

For more CSPMP information, registration and training Click Here https://pharmacypmp.az.gov/
Controlled Substance Prescription Monitoring Program (CSPMP)

Ways to connect

1. Prescriber must first register with Board of Pharmacy.

2. Three options to comply:
   a) Access via the Board of Pharmacy Website
      - Manual log-in of prescriber, license & patient name; available now
      - https://arizona.pmpaware.net/login
   
   b) Access via an Electronic Health Record (EHR)
      - Providers should check with vendor on availability, timing & costs.
      - https://pharmacypmp.az.gov/integration-interest-form

   c) Access via Health Current
      - First need to be HIE participant; then need to be connected to HIE portal.

Additional Information - Please check the Health Current website Info Center for additional CSPMP information under CSPMP Mandate (RX Monitoring): https://healthcurrent.org/information-center/rx-monitoring-pmp/
Continuous Medical Education
Free Continuous Medical Education – CME Opportunity

Arizona Opioid Prescriber Education Program
FREE online training on opioid laws, prescribing guidelines, and Medication Assisted Treatment

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Click for Control Campaign: Resources

• **EPCS Resource Development**
  – Health Current website – eRx and EPCS webpages, webinar registration [https://healthcurrent.org/information-center/controlled-substances/](https://healthcurrent.org/information-center/controlled-substances/)
  – Fact Sheets (basics to get started, FAQs, etc.)
  – Future/Up-Coming Webinars and Presentations
  – Newsletter and Articles
  – Slides (to add to any scheduled presentation)

• **Additional Support**
  – Phone based assistance
  – Email communication
Click for Control Campaign: Fact Sheets & Flyers

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

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EPCS Steps for Prescribers

1. Contact your EHR or e-prescribing vendor and ask if they are EPCS-certified. A list of certified EHR vendors will be available.
2. There may be additional fees for EPCS integration.

EHR Vendor Cost Sheet

Costs associated with basic e-prescribing

Both basic e-prescribing and EPCS typically are features within electronic health record (EHR) software. Virtually all EHRs include basic e-prescribing. EPCS is often an add-on that prescribers can request. For many EHRs, basic e-prescribing is included in the price of the software. Others charge annual fees ranging from $100 per provider to as much as $1,200 per provider, with the majority falling somewhere in the middle.

Costs associated with EPCS

EPCS systems must meet stringent Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) requirements for credentialing, software certification and dual factor authentication. To cover those costs many EHR vendors have imposed fees, which vary widely by product and vendor. Often, basic e-prescribing is included in the EHR without a specific additional fee. EPCS sometimes follows the same model, although a surcharge is common. In some cases, the authentication token needed for EPCS is included in the subscription; in others, it is priced separately. The following...
## EPCS Click for Control Campaign 2020 Events

A Deeper Dive into HB 2075 EPCS Mandates Webinar Series

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2020 EPCS *Click for Control* Campaign Webinar Series

This webinar has been presented to educate and help Arizona prescribers and practices navigate the adoption of EPCS. Attendees are encouraged to review and interpret legislation and mandates based upon their specific situations and needs.
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Additional Information and Resources
References

Arizona House Bill 2369 (HB2369)

National House Bill HR 3528 Every Prescription Conveyed Securely Act
https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/3528?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%22hr+3528%22%5D%7D&r=1

Arizona Opioid Epidemic Act: Bill text and Policy primer

HB 2075, Extended deadline for Schedule II opioids to January 1, 2020 for all Arizona Prescribers More information on HB 2075 is available here.
HB 2075 Regulations & Mandates Basics

- HB 2075 – Extended the EPCS Deadline for prescribing Schedule II opioid to January 1, 2020 for all Arizona
  - Removed cumbersome waiver process
  - Specified Schedule II controlled substances requirements for compounding (for direct administration), for long-term care facility residents, for hospice care patients
  - Clarified special circumstance and procedure for prescribing/dispensing during electronic system non-operational/unavailable situations
  - Confirmed Veterinarians are not required to EPCS until State Veterinary Medical Examining Board determines EPCS software is “widely” available

More information on HB 2075 is available [here](#). Information on Health Current’s 2020 *Click for Control* campaign is available [here](#).