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Arizona E-Prescribing Initiative

Goals, Challenges and Accomplishments

AzHeC eRx Goals

By end of 2013, aim to achieve the following:

- **40%** of all Arizona prescription electronically routed to pharmacies
- **60%** of Arizona prescribers routing prescriptions electronically
- **100%** of Arizona pharmacies with e-prescribing capabilities

AZ eRx Initiative: Areas of Focus

E-Prescribing
of Controlled
Substances

SafeRx Project

Education and
Technical
Assistance

Provider &
Pharmacy
Incentive
Programs

Statewide
E-Prescribing
Goals

EPCS is LEGAL in Arizona

DEA's Interim Final Rule for Electronic Prescriptions for Controlled Substances was published on March 31, 2010 at 75 FR 16236-16319 and became effective on June 1, 2010.



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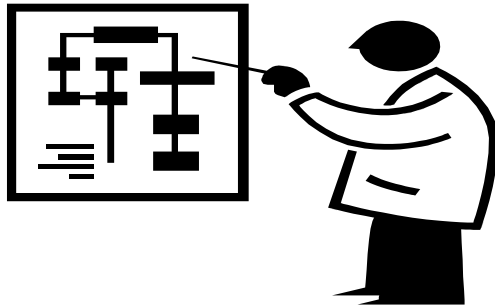
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES IN SCHEDULES II, III, IV AND V MAY BE DISPENSED AS ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTED PRESCRIPTIONS IF THE PRESCRIBING MEDICAL PRACTITIONER IS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. PROPERLY REGISTERED BY THE UNITED STATES DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION.
2. LICENSED IN GOOD STANDING IN THE UNITED STATES JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONER PRACTICES.
3. AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE SUCH PRESCRIPTIONS IN THE JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONER IS LICENSED.

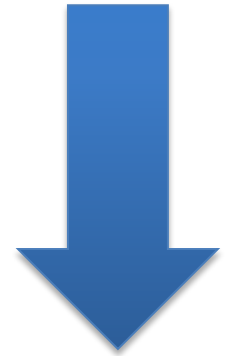


Benefits of EPCS to Prescribers and Pharmacies

Creates one workflow for all
electronic prescriptions



Reduces fraud
and abuse by
preventing
forgeries and
stolen Rx pads



Condenses
recordkeeping for
patients' prescription
history



Improves legibility
and decreases
adverse drug
events



SafeRx Project Initial Findings

Surescripts ranks Arizona as 29th in its annual SafeRx rankings

- 21% of total transactions are Refill Responses
 - Above average, but number should be higher
- 50% of eligible prescriptions transmitted electronically
 - Top 5 average = 66%
- 70% of visits with Rx benefit eligibility requests
 - Top 5 average = 97%
- 26% of visits with medication history responses
 - Top 5 average = 49%
- 56% of patients with available Rx benefit & Med history data
 - Top 5 average = 73%

Strategy to Improve SafeRx Ranking

- **Payer Outreach**
 - Low percentage of visits for which eligibility, benefit and medication history data is available
- **Targeted Prescribers**
 - Low percentage of requests medication history (EHR)
 - Low percentage of eligible prescriptions routed electronically (prescriber)
- **Community Awareness**
 - Low percentage of eligible prescriptions routed electronically (patient)

The three components are complementary of one another, and the success of one will positively effect the others. The net result of the approach will increase the volume of SafeRx-measured transactions

Education and Technical Assistance

- **Webinars and Forums**
 - E-prescribing information for Pharmacists and Prescribers to help understand requirements
- **In-Person and Telephone Support**
 - Assistance with Implementation, workflow redesign and use of e-prescribing

Financial Incentive Programs

- **Provider Incentive Program**
 - Up to \$200 in reimbursement for EPCS identity proofing to first 125 prescribers who qualified.
- **Community Pharmacy Incentive Program**
 - Financial support from \$2,000 to \$5,000 per eligible pharmacy.

How did we do?

AzHeC eRx Accomplishments

- **40%** of all Arizona prescription electronically routed to pharmacies
 - **50%** routed electronically as of 12/31/2013*

Source: *Surescripts

AzHeC eRx Accomplishments

- **60%** of Arizona prescribers routing prescriptions electronically
 - **63%** routing prescriptions electronically as of 12/31/2013*

Source: *Surescripts

AzHeC eRx Accomplishments

- **100%** of Arizona pharmacies with e-prescribing capabilities
 - **96.2%** pharmacies e-prescribing capable*

Source: *Surescripts

What's Next for E-Prescribing?

- ***Promote:*** Raising Arizona's SafeRx Ranking
- ***Support:*** EPCS through prescriber and pharmacist education
- ***Encourage:*** eRx in general

Ways to Support Your Health IT Goals...

- Get help with your eRx, EHR and HIE projects
 - REC services are available for all Arizona health care providers
- Consider HIE options for your organization
 - Contact AzHeC to learn more about HINAz – The Network!
- Join AzHeC to be part of the health IT solutions for Arizona!

More Information and Assistance

Contact AzHeC at
602-688-7200 or ehr@azhec.org
to learn more and get HIT/HIE assistance!