Clarification on Mandatory E-Prescribing

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The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy has received questions on mandatory e-prescribing in Ohio.

Under current Ohio law, there is no requirement for mandatory e-prescribing.

Beginning in January 1, 2021, all Medicare Part D plans will require the use of e-prescribing for controlled substances prescriptions. The SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (HR6) requires the use of e-prescribing for controlled substances (EPCS) for schedule II-V controlled substances covered under a Medicare Part D prescription drug, or a Medicare advantage prescription drug plan starting January 2021.

For more information on Ohio’s requirements for issuing a valid prescription, including electronic prescribing of controlled substances visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/rx.