



### What should I consider when evaluating an e-prescribing solution?

- Access to phone and online technical support 24/7 and initial training on site
- Ability to create and transmit new and renewed prescriptions to patient's pharmacy of choice by EDI or fax
- Maintenance and storage of patient-specific records (demographics, medication allergies, adverse events, patient reported OTC medications and office administrations)
- Practice Management System integration
- Patient-specific information from health plans, including
  - ✦ Medication history  $\geq 100$ -day look back)
  - ✦ Eligibility (last name, first name, DOB, gender, zip code)
  - ✦ Plan-specific formulary
- Complete clinical decision support tools, including:
  - ✦ Drug reference
  - ✦ Drug-drug interactions screening
  - ✦ Drug-allergy screening
  - ✦ Therapeutic duplication check
  - ✦ Medication recall notifications
- Alternative medications based on formulary status, cost and plan-specific restrictions
- Compliance with HIPAA requirements
- Compliance with Medicare Modernization Act electronic prescribing foundational standards
- Specifications for hardware requirements and associated costs

<sup>1</sup>Institute of Medicine. Preventing Medication Errors, 2006

<sup>2</sup>Morrow C, Coleman M, "The Role of eRx in Lowering Physician Drug Expenses," 2006

<sup>3</sup>California Healthcare Foundation, July 2001



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# e-Prescribing

A new way to organize your practice

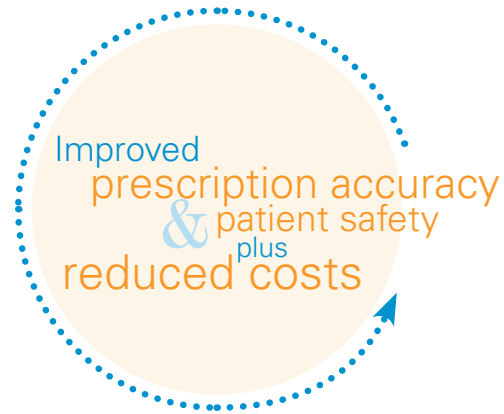


## What is e-Prescribing?

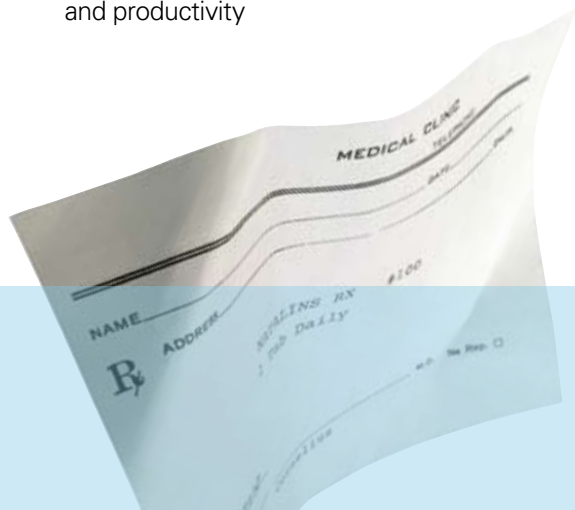
e-Prescribing is the use of health care technology to improve prescription accuracy, patient safety and reduce costs. e-Prescribing applications can provide physicians a secure means of electronically accessing health plan formularies, patient eligibility and medication history at the point of care. The result: increased efficiency and improved accuracy in the prescribing processes.

## Why e-Prescribe?

- More than 7,000 patient deaths per year are attributed to poor handwriting and filling errors<sup>1</sup>
- Reduce by an estimated 25% the number of Americans harmed by medication errors caused by:
  - ◆ Illegible handwriting
  - ◆ Unclear dose or abbreviations
  - ◆ Drug-drug interactions
  - ◆ Drug-allergy interactions
  - ◆ Duplicated therapy
  - ◆ Dosing mistakes
- e-Prescribing is recommended by the Institute of Medicine
- Lower member cost and increased compliance through affordability
- Improved physician office staff efficiency and productivity



Provider Benefits:	Office Staff Benefits:	Patient Benefits:
E-Rx studies suggest a $\geq 50\%$ reduction in prescriber and nursing time spent with prescription renewals <sup>2</sup>	Reduced patient requests for alternative covered medicines or lower-cost alternatives	Improved Patient Safety
Clinical decision support, providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dosing recommendations</li> <li>• Drug-drug interaction screening</li> <li>• Drug-allergy screening</li> </ul>	Fewer pharmacy calls for handwriting questions	Prescription cost savings when lower cost alternatives or formulary medications are prescribed (average savings \$20-\$25 per month per prescription <sup>2</sup> )
Real time patient information anywhere, anytime, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient demographics</li> <li>• Medication history</li> <li>• Eligibility</li> <li>• Health plan formularies</li> </ul>	Savings of 1-2 hours or $\geq 50\%$ reduction in time spent handling prescription renewals <sup>3</sup>	Reduced potential for adverse medication events
FDA safety alerts		Increased compliance through affordability



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