



Solution Spotlight



Electronic Prescribing for Controlled Substances (EPCS)

Electronic Prescribing for Controlled Substances (EPCS) is a special instance of ePrescribing that provides pharmacies, hospitals, and practitioners a mechanism to use technology for controlled substance prescriptions. ePrescribing replaces the paper, fax, email, and phone processes for placing prescription orders.

For states that have enacted EPCS legislation, ePrescribing is a mandate. While the types of prescriptions that require electronic transmission vary from state to state, PointClickCare offers a comprehensive solution to support your EPCS needs.

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Practitioner Initiated ePrescribing

When a practitioner is meeting with a resident, the creation of an order electronically starts a new medication or treatment.

Using the Orders functionality of the EHR, a practitioner can initiate and enter the order into the system. At the time of prescribing, the practitioner can review the order to evaluate appropriateness and determine whether there are any potential clinical interactions. Once satisfied, the practitioner can then electronically sign the order.

At the next step in the process, the EHR eMAR Portal alerts the nurse of the new order for review. The nurse can review and confirm the order, and the medication is now available on the eMAR / eTAR. Once verified, the order transmits to the pharmacy for fulfillment using Integrated Medication Management (IMM).

A practitioner who is off-site can also create a new order on the Practitioner Engagement mobile application. Order templates automatically populate order fields such as the schedule and present any clinical interaction warnings. The practitioner can then electronically sign the order all within the application.



Nurse Initiated ePrescribing

Through PointClickCare's **Orders Management module**, nursing staff will efficiently and safely complete order entry as the Agent of the Prescriber, ensure the practitioner reviews and signs the order before submission to the pharmacy, all electronically, and then dispense the medication appropriately to the resident.

With the **Practitioner Engagement mobile application**, practitioners can access the patient chart, and manage and sign nursing orders on the go. If the order is a controlled substance, or otherwise requires two-factor authentication, the practitioner can use a token in addition to the electronic signature to sign the order.

PointClickCare's web and mobile applications are certified to meet the DEA Audit requirements.

To learn more, visit our [certification page here](#).

PointClickCare supports Electronic Prescribing for Controlled Substances (EPCS) using:



Electronic Health Record (EHR) Orders



Electronic Medication Administration Record (eMAR)



Electronic Treatment Administration Record (eTAR)



Integrated Medication Management (IMM)



Practitioner Engagement mobile app

Benefits of ePrescribing:



Ensure that you can meet your state's legislative requirements



Improve patient safety and quality of care through increased accuracy and efficiency, a reduction in miscommunications, and warning and alert systems at the time of prescription



Reduce time staff spends on phone calls to and from the practitioner and the pharmacy



Better formulary adherence to help lower drug costs

Learn how PointClickCare can help you meet the requirements of EPCS

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