

# e-Prescribing Workgroup Charge

## PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 2019-20

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The purpose of this workgroup is to advance comprehensive implementation of e-prescribing standard transactions and procedures by Minnesota's stakeholders. The work will continue to address a key issue from the 2018-19 workgroup: Increasing adoption of electronic prescribing of controlled substance by Minnesota's prescribers. The workgroup will also address priorities identified in 2018-19 that pose barriers to full implementation of the NCPDP SCRIPT standard and e-prescribing best practices and procedures.

### Proposed Activities

1. EPCS: Continue to promote EPCS toward a goal of 80% of EPCS-enabled prescribers.
  - a. Identify EHR vendors that are not ready for EPCS to identify barriers and timeliness.
  - b. Continue outreach, focusing on small provider organizations and dentists (large health systems in MN have indicated they are enabled).
2. CancelRx: Promote the importance of this transaction for patient safety and improved prescriber/pharmacist communication.
  - a. November 2019 webinar sharing Allina's implementation experience.
3. Diagnosis codes on scripts
  - a. Subgroup analysis to examine current use/practice
4. Medicare eclaim/attachment: respond to expected NPRM
5. ePrior Authorization (ePA): readiness and monitoring for final rules.
6. SCRIPT 2017071
  - a. Readiness and transition issues (e.g., working with exchange partners that are not ready or transitioned).
  - b. Plans to optimize the functionality
7. Real time benefit tool (RTBT) readiness for the CMS Part D requirement. "CMS is requiring that each Part D plan adopt one or more RTBTs that are capable of integrating with at least one prescriber's ePrescribing system or electronic health record (EHR), no later than January 1, 2021. RTBTs have the capability to inform prescribers when lower-cost alternative therapies are available under the beneficiary's prescription drug benefit, which can improve medication adherence, lower prescription drug costs, and minimize beneficiary out-of-pocket costs." <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/medicare-advantage-and-part-d-drug-pricing-final-rule-cms-4180-f>

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8. Pharmacy non-compliance with Minnesota's mandate.
  - a. Discuss with Board of Pharmacy to promote compliance
9. Medication Therapy Management: implementation of eCare Plan among MN pharmacies.

By May 2020 the workgroup will report to the Advisory Committee the current status of these activities.

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