

## E-Prescribing Controlled Substances

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Dear Care1st and ONECare Providers and Staff:

**It is legal to E-Prescribe Controlled Substances (EPCS). Here are the benefits of EPCS:**

1. One workflow for all prescriptions: non-controlled and controlled substances
2. Condensed record keeping for all of a patient's prescription history
3. Reduced fraud and abuse
4. Improved legibility
5. Decreased adverse drug events

### **How to get started:**

1. Contact your EHR and ask if they are certified to do EPCS (many are)
  - If yes, proceed to step 2
  - If no, then you cannot do EPCS until they are certified
2. Complete Identity Proofing requirement
3. Set up Access Controls
4. Obtain Dual Authentication device or process
5. Adhere to digital signature and audit requirements

Please contact the Pharmacy Department at the numbers below with any questions.

*Thank You!*