

**DATE:** October 22, 2019

**TO:** AHCCCS Registered Providers  
Contractor Chief Medical Officers  
Contractor Pharmacy Directors  
Contractor Compliance Officers  
IHS & 638 Pharmacy Workgroup

**FROM:** Suzi Berman RPh

**SUBJECT:** State of Arizona House Bill 2075  
Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substances (EPCS)

The purpose of this memo is to provide notification of the State of Arizona House Bill 2075 as it pertains to Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substances **and the attached additional information on available resources.**

Beginning January 1, 2020, a Schedule II controlled substance that is an Opioid shall be dispensed only with an electronic prescription order as required by Federal Law or Regulation. The Arizona State Board of Pharmacy will not issue waivers to providers for this regulation.

This is a statutory mandate to all providers sending and pharmacies receiving Schedule II Opioid Prescriptions. Exceptions to HB2075 include federal facilities, for example, the Indian Health Service, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense; these facilities are not subject to this regulation.

For additional information regarding HB2075, please click the link below to the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy website to view the Frequently Asked Questions tab “E-Prescribing of Schedule II Opioids Mandate”.

<https://pharmacy.az.gov/faq>

Please contact the AHCCCS Pharmacy Department at [AHCCCSPharmacyDept@azahcccs.gov](mailto:AHCCCSPharmacyDept@azahcccs.gov) with any questions.

## 4 OF 10 PRESCRIBERS AT RISK FOR MISSING THE 2020 EPCS MANDATE

According to the latest Surescripts data, roughly 4 out of 10 prescribers in Arizona are at risk for missing the January 1, 2020 deadline to meet the new electronic prescribing of controlled substances (EPCS) state requirements mandated by [HB 2075](#). As of August 2019, approximately 61% of prescribers in Arizona are on track – 39% are not.

For those who have yet to meet the requirements, Health Current's *2019 EPCS Click for Control* campaign is here to help.

Developed in partnership with the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and the Arizona Board of Pharmacy, [the 2019 EPCS Click for Control campaign offers a wealth of online resources](#) to help meet the requirements.

In addition to the online materials, the popular *2019 EPCS Click for Control Campaign* webinar series is available for two remaining dates before the 2020 deadline. Previous webinars were recorded and are available on the [Health Current website](#) for viewing. Click on the webinar titles to register:

### [CSPMP: Controlled Substance Prescription Monitoring Program](#)

Wednesday, October 30, 2019, 12:00 – 1:00 pm

### [Written & Electronically Transmitted Prescription Requirements](#)

Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 12:00 – 1:00 pm

For more information [visit the 2019 EPCS Click for Control online resources](#). For other EPCS questions, contact Health Current at [erx@healthcurrent.org](mailto:erx@healthcurrent.org) or (602) 688-7200.