



STATE OF
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Clarification on Mandatory E-Prescribing

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The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy has received questions on mandatory e-prescribing in Ohio.

Under current Ohio law, there is no requirement for mandatory e-prescribing. However, there is a bill (HB 193) that is moving through the legislature that could mandate e-prescribing for all schedule II controlled substances. For more information on this pending legislation, visit: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-193>

Beginning January 1, 2023, all Medicare Part D plans will require the use of e-prescribing for controlled substances prescriptions. The SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (HR6) requires the use of e-prescribing for controlled substances (EPCS) for schedule II-V controlled substances covered under a Medicare Part D prescription drug, or a Medicare advantage prescription drug plan starting January 2023. **[NOTE: This requirement was originally set to take effect on January 1, 2021, but enforcement has been delayed by CMS.]**

For more information on Ohio's requirements for issuing a valid prescription, including electronic prescribing of controlled substances visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/rx.

