



Connecticut Opioid Regulations

Public Act 17-131 requires various changes to prevent and treat opioid drug abuse. Several of these items can impact dental practices that write prescriptions for opioids, including:

- Requires prescribing practitioners to electronically transmit the controlled substance prescription to a pharmacy (*effective January 1, 2018*);
- Requires practitioners, when prescribing opioids, to discuss with all patients, rather than only minors, the risks associated with opioid drug use (*effective July 1, 2017*);
- Anyone who does not wish to be issued a prescription for an opioid drug may file a “voluntary non-opioid directive” form with a prescribing practitioner. Upon reviewing the form, the prescribing practitioner must document it in the patient’s medical record (*effective October 1, 2017*);
- A prescribing practitioner shall not issue a prescription of an opioid drug to a minor for more than a five-day supply of such drug (*effective July 1, 2017*); and
- By *October 1, 2017*, the Alcohol and Drug Policy Council (ADPC) is required to develop a one-page fact sheet on opioid drugs. The ADPC must make the fact sheet available on the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services website. Health care providers are encouraged to disseminate the fact sheet to anyone they provide an opioid drug prescription to.

Which controlled substance prescriptions must be prescribed electronically?

All scheduled II, III, IV & V controlled substance medications must be electronically prescribed. Some examples of drugs in these Schedules are: Schedule II-drugs (morphine, cocaine, oxycodone (Percocet®; Oxycontin®), hydrocodone with acetaminophen (Vicodin®), methylphenidate (Ritalin®), and dextroamphetamine (Dexedrine®)); Schedule III, IV, or V-drugs (acetaminophen with codeine (Tylenol® No. 3), diazepam (Valium®), alprazolam (Xanax®) and zolpidem (Ambien®)).

IMPORTANT DATES

October 1, 2017

The CT Alcohol & Drug Policy Council develops opioid fact sheet and providers are encouraged to give this to patients.

January 1, 2018

Electronically transmit controlled substance scripts to pharmacy (this does not include antibiotics).

Currently Available e-Prescribing Vendors

Certified **STAND-ALONE** Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substances (EPCS) Systems

NextGen Management, LLC 877.626.8471	DxScript / 8.7.5.3	www.dx-web.com/index.php/products-services/dxscript/
DoseSpot 888.847.6814	DoseSpot / 7.0	www.dosespot.com/markets#dental
DrFirst 888.271.9898	Rcopia / 4 EPCS Gold	www.drfirst.com/audience/physicians-dentists/
H2H Solutions, Inc.	Digital Rx / 5.0	www.h2hsolutions.com/products/h2h-digital-rx/stand-alone-solutions/
InstantDx 800.576.0526	OnCallData / 5	www.oncalldata.com/oncalldata/
NewCrop	NewCrop Core / 13.05.14.05	www.newcroprx.com/
DAW Systems 866.755.1500	ScriptSure / 1.0	www.dawsystems.com/eprescribing.html
RxNT 800.943.7968	RxNT eRx / 1.0	www.rxnt.com/solutions/rxnt-e-prescribing-controlled-substances-physicians/
Allscripts 800.334.8534	ePrescribe Standalone / 2015.2.2	www.allscripts.com/market-solutions/eprescribe
MD Toolbox 206.331.4420	MD Toolbox-Rx / 3.1	www.mdtoolbox.com/eprescribe-controlled-substances.aspx

Notes:

1. Source: www.Surescripts.com
2. This list only includes stand-alone e-prescribing systems. To view integrated EHR (Electronic Health Record) systems with EPCS currently available, visit <http://surescripts.com/network-connections/mns/prescriber-software?epcs=true>
3. This list is current as of 09/28/17. For updates, visit <http://surescripts.com/network-connections/mns/prescriber-software?epcs=true>

INTEGRATED Solutions for Practice Management Systems

If you have a Practice Management System, our recommendation would be to contact the PMS company, and ask them about their e-prescribe solution for controlled substances.

Schein (various products)	e-prescribe	www.hseprescribe.com
Patterson	Eaglesoft	www.patterson.eaglesoft.net