



e-Prescribing

To: Health Plan of Michigan Providers

From: Health Plan of Michigan

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Re: e-Prescribing

Health Plan of Michigan has recently establish a relationship with **Surescripts** enabling our providers the opportunity to e-prescribe for Health Plan of Michigan members while integrating our own HPM policies and procedures.

In order to start enjoying the rewards of e-prescribing a provider must have an appropriate Electronic Medical Record System (EMR) or e-prescribing system.

If you are currently using an EMR or e-prescribing software, chances are that your software is already currently certified by **Surescripts**. To find out if your software is certified or to find out more about e-prescribing we invite you to check out **Surescripts** website at www.surescripts.com.

e-Prescribing - allows prescribers the ability to electronically send an accurate, error-free and understandable prescription directly to a pharmacy from the point-of-care; this is an important element in improving the quality of patient care. Electronic prescribing has been instrumental in reducing medication errors. Other benefits include:

Prescription Benefit services allow easy selection of medications that are preferred by the patient's health plan, that meet therapeutic guidelines and are cost effective for the patient.

Prescription History services allow prescribers to access critically important information on their patient's current and past medications from pharmacy benefit managers and community pharmacies. This helps inform prescribers about potential medication issues with their patients and can improve safety and quality.

Prescription Routing services allow legible new prescriptions to be sent directly to the computer at the pharmacy of the patient's choice. Renewal authorization requests can be sent directly to the practice computer. Prescribers can then review and respond to pending requests with a few keystrokes.

Enhance Productivity. The reduction in pharmacy faxes and phone calls associated with refill requests, legibility issues, and drug incompatibility or ineligibility problems provides physicians and their staffs with more time to devote to patient care or other reimbursable activities.

If you have any questions regarding this update please contact your Network Development Specialists or HPM Provider Services Department at 1-888-773-2647.