

# KY REC Tip for the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive (Promoting Interoperability) Program

## ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING

### What does the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program require for ePrescribing (eRx)?

Stage 3 of the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program requires eligible providers to electronically generate and transmit permissible prescriptions (eRx). More than **60 percent** of permissible prescriptions written by the EP are queried for a drug formulary and transmitted electronically using CEHRT.

#### **Exclusion:**

Any EP who:

- Writes fewer than 100 permissible prescriptions during the EHR reporting period; or
- Does not have a pharmacy within their organization and there are no pharmacies that accept electronic prescriptions within 10 miles of the EP's practice location at the start of his or her EHR reporting period.



### **Common Errors:**

- Paper prescriptions may not be excluded from the denominator if patient requests paper vs. eRx.
- Practices with multiple locations can take the exclusion if at least one of their locations are equipped with CEHRT and meet the exclusion criteria.
- The drug formulary feature must be turned on in the EHR and it must be ran on every eRx in order to count in the numerator.
- Prescriptions that are created using EHR and printed, but not electronically sent to the pharmacy do not count. Prescriptions must be sent electronically.
- The practice can be the one to decide if they include controlled substances in the permissible prescriptions.
  - The majority of Kentucky pharmacies now accept controlled substances to be e-prescribed; however, you would need to work with your vendor to set up authorization to do so.

### **Best Practices:**

- Track paper prescription provided in EHR or log.
- Train staff and providers on how eRx works in your system.
- Check reports monthly to see how providers are doing to meet this objective.
- Review results and best practices in your monthly meeting.
- EPs should include electronic transmissions both within and outside the organization in the numerator and denominator for the measure of this objective.

### **CMS 2019 EP Specification Sheet-ePrescribing:**

[https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/Downloads/MedicaidEP\\_2019\\_Obj2.pdf](https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/Downloads/MedicaidEP_2019_Obj2.pdf)