

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

### **Electronic Prescribing**

#### **What does Stage 3 require for Electronic Prescribing?**

Electronically generate and transmit permissible prescriptions electronically (eRx). More than 60% of permissible prescriptions written by the EP are queried for a drug formulary and transmitted electronically using certified electronic health record technology (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 the EHR reporting period.



### Common Errors:

- Paper prescriptions may not be excluded from the denominator if the patient requests paper vs. eRx.
- Practices with multiple locations can take the exclusion if at least one of their locations is 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 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 prescriptions provided in EHR or log.
- Train staff and providers on how eRx works in your system.
- Review workflow regularly to ensure it is being followed by providers and staff.
- Check reports monthly to see how providers are doing to meet this objective.
- Review results and best practices in your monthly meeting.
- Share the KY REC Tip Sheet with staff and providers.
- EPs should include electronic transmissions both within and outside the organization in the numerator and denominator.

CMS EP Specification Sheet – Electronic Prescribing:

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/medicaid-ep-2020-erx-objective-2.pdf>