# **CMS EPCS** Electronic Prescribing for Controlled Substances

### 2024 Measurement Year CMS EPCS Program Requirements At-A-Glance

#### What is measured

- All Medicare Part D prescriptions for schedule II-V controlled substances filled between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024
- CMS gathers data from the Medicare Part D claim—no need to report data to CMS
- Based on filled Part D prescriptions regardless of prescriber Medicare participation status
- Prescriptions written for a beneficiary in a long-term care facility not included in the 2024 measurement year

#### Exceptions

- Prescribers who issue 100 or fewer qualifying prescriptions during the measurement year\*
- Prescribers located in the geographic area of an emergency or disaster as determined by CMS\*
- Prescribers who have requested and received a waiver from CMS for the 2024 measurement year when circumstances beyond their control prevented them from electronically prescribing controlled substances

\*This exception is automatically calculated by CMS

## Meeting program requirements

- Transmit at least 70% of qualifying prescriptions electronically *OR*
- Receive an automatic exception as calculated by CMS OR
- Request and receive a waiver exception from CMS

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#### Check my compliance

- Non-compliance notices will be sent to prescribers in the Fall of 2025
- The CMS EPCS Prescriber Portal will include compliance information for prescribers and provide an opportunity to request a waiver in the Fall of 2025