eClinicalWorks

COMING: NEW E-PRESCRIBING STANDARD – SCRIPT 2017071

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Dear eClinicalWorks Customer,

Electronic Prescribing (eRx) is undergoing a nationwide upgrade. eClinicalWorks is diligently working on new development to meet the requirements of the new e-prescribing standard, SCRIPT 2017071. A new eClinicalWorks version that supports SCRIPT 2017071 will be available for customers in 2021. The version number will be announced on the my.eclinicalworks.com Customer Portal when it becomes available.

CMS Part D Prescribing and SCRIPT 2017071:

Effective as of January 1, 2020, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) adopted the SCRIPT 2017071 standard for e-prescribing under Medicare Part D, replacing the old SCRIPT 10.6 version (CMS-4182-F). eClinicalWorks is diligently working on an eClinicalWorks application version that will include the SCRIPT 2017071 standards. We will be providing more updates in Q1 2021 regarding these changes. However, be assured that Surescripts® is translating the current e-prescription messages (SCRIPT 10.6) into the new SCRIPT 2017071 for delivery to pharmacies until September 1, 2021.

Will e-prescribing be affected?

No. There should be no interruption in e-prescribing, including electronic prescribing of controlled substances (EPCS), prior to September 1, 2021. To ensure no interruption in e-prescribing after September 1, 2021, it will be necessary to upgrade to the eClinicalWorks version that supports SCRIPT 2017071.

What will happen on September 1, 2021?

The Surescripts deadline for retiring the SCRIPT 10.6 version was originally December 1, 2020. Due to the pandemic, which has led to a period of disruption for many healthcare organizations, the Surescripts deadline has been postponed to September 1, 2021.

September 1, 2021 is the new Surescripts deadline for retiring the older e-prescribing message format. Starting on this date, prescribers MUST be using the eClinicalWorks SCRIPT 2017071-compliant version. Starting on September 1, 2020, messages using the old SCRIPT 10.6 version will no longer be translated to SCRIPT 2017071 by Surescripts. Any prescriptions using the older format will fail.

It will NOT be possible to e-prescribe from outdated eClinicalWorks versions starting on September 1, 2021.

ONC Health IT Certification and SCRIPT 2017071:

eClinicalWorks V11 is a 2015 Edition Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) Certified Health IT Product. As part of the recent 21st Century Cures Act Final Rule update to the certification program, ONC has required adoption of the SCRIPT 2017071 standard for the (b)(3) criterion no later than May 2, 2022. As part of maintaining the 2015 Edition Cures Update Certification, eClinicalWorks will update to the SCRIPT 2017071 standard by September 1, 2021, well in advance of the ONC deadline.

Learning about SCRIPT 2017071:

There are some exciting new capabilities supported with SCRIPT 2017071, including longer fields, support for additional prescriber identifiers such as NADEAN (Narcotics Addiction DEA Numbers), and additional types of Rx change requests.

eClinicalWorks will be releasing videos and other educational material to highlight SCRIPT 2017071 enhancements and to explain changed workflows in the coming months on the my.eclinicalworks.com Customer Portal.

Recommended Actions:

In partnership with your eClinicalWorks Strategic Account Manager (SAM), please begin preparing for an upgrade to the eClinicalWorks version that will support SCRIPT 2017071. Plan to have the new version in place well before September 1, 2021.

Sincerely,

eClinicalWorks