



Inbound Controlled Substance e-Prescribing (eRX) Community Provider

The Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) now accepts electronic prescriptions for all eligible Veteran medications from a community provider including controlled substances. Controlled substances include opioids, stimulants, depressants, hallucinogens, anabolic steroids and others. VA pharmacies can be located in a community provider pharmacy database.

Overview

Community providers can now send electronic controlled substance prescriptions for eligible Veterans to VA pharmacies. VA will still accept and fill paper prescriptions (or fax where applicable). VA pharmacies can be located in a community provider pharmacy database.

What You Need to Know

- VA pharmacies will be located in the provider pharmacy database.
- VA pharmacies can now receive and fill electronic prescriptions for all non-controlled and controlled substances for eligible Veterans.
- VA began accepting electronic prescription for most medications in 2017 and will now accept electronic prescriptions for controlled substances for eligible Veterans.
- VA continues to accept paper prescriptions (or fax where applicable) for controlled substances. However electronic prescription are recommended due to their ease and compliance with all state regulations.

What You Can Do

Discuss the capability with eligible Veterans and explain the cost-benefit of filling prescription at VA.

[Medication copayments](#)

For more information on VA pharmacy benefits:

www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/dependents/pharmacy/index.asp