
ILLINOIS E-PRESCRIBING MANDATE

What is the compliance date?

January 1, 2024

Which prescriptions must be done electronically?

Prescriptions of controlled substances, Schedule II-V.

Are there any exceptions to prescriptions having to be done electronically?

These are the following exceptions when a healthcare provider does not have to prescribe electronically:

- A provider does not issue more than 150 prescriptions during a 12-month period until December 31, 2028.
 - Starting January 1, 2029, a prescriber would be exempt if they do not issue more than 50 prescriptions during a 12-month period.
- Before January 1, 2026 the prescriber demonstrates financial difficulty in buying or managing an electronic prescription option.
 - On and after January 1, 2026, the prescriber provides proof of a waiver from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for economic hardship.
- Temporary technological or electrical failure that prevents an electronic prescription from being issued.
- The practitioner determines it would be impractical for the patient to obtain in a timely manner if prescribed electronically and would adversely impact the patient's medical condition.
- Patients in certain locations and situations, such as nursing homes, correctional facilities, or undergoing hospice or palliative care.

Can a prescriber get a waiver?

At this time, it is not clear how physicians can obtain waivers and/or exemptions.

Where can I find more information?

From the Illinois State Medical Society:

- [9/15/23 update](#)
- [July update](#)

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