# Eliminate dual workflows with Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substances

**As the volume of controlled substance prescriptions continue to rise, implementing electronic prescribing of controlled substances (EPCS) is becoming more critical for organizations to simplify prescribing workflows – improving provider productivity and patient satisfaction.**

## Key points:

- To meet MU Stage 2, providers must process over 50% of prescriptions electronically

- 40% of patients that receive a prescription are likely to be given a mix of controlled and non-controlled substances

- Adopting EPCS enables one e-prescribing workflow for all prescriptions and will help providers achieve MU requirements

## Reaching the tipping point for adoption of EPCS

The volume of controlled substance prescriptions is on the rise, increasing from 10 percent of all prescriptions in 2010 to a projected 30 percent in 2015. A major contributing factor to this increase is the reclassification of hydrocodone combination drugs (Vicodin) to Schedule II controlled substances - prohibiting faxing, verbal orders, and refills. In 2013, there were over 135 million prescriptions for hydrocodone combination drugs and today, Vicodin is among the most prescribed drugs in the US. Furthermore, controlled substances are often prescribed in conjunction with non-controlled substances, so this increase in volume exacerbates the challenges of dual prescribing workflows for organizations who have not adopted EPCS: e-prescribing for non-controlled substances and printed, paper prescribing for schedule II-V substances.
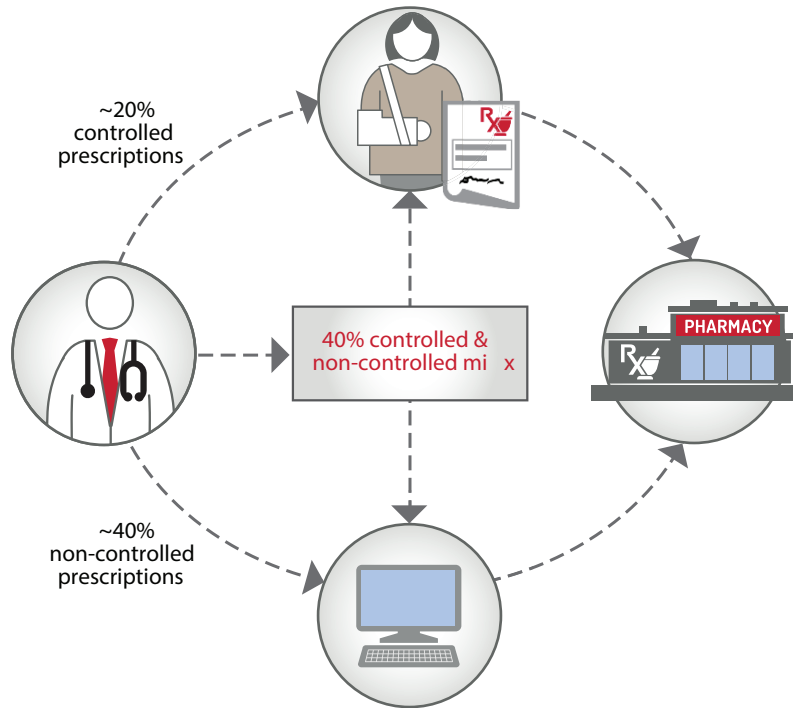
**Tipping Point Statistic:**  About 40% of all patients who receive a prescription in 2015 are likely to be given a mix of controlled and non-controlled substances.

Prescribers and patients are facing an unprecedented number of mixed substance prescriptions. Without EPCS, prescribers are tasked to complete two different prescribing processes creating an inefficient and confusing prescribing workflow for both the prescriber and patient. By adopting EPCS, prescribers and patients can enjoy a simplified, consistent workflow for all prescriptions resulting in:

- Improved provider productivity by enabling one workflow for all prescriptions

- Enhanced patient satisfaction by minimizing wait times at pharmacies and reducing unnecessary office visits

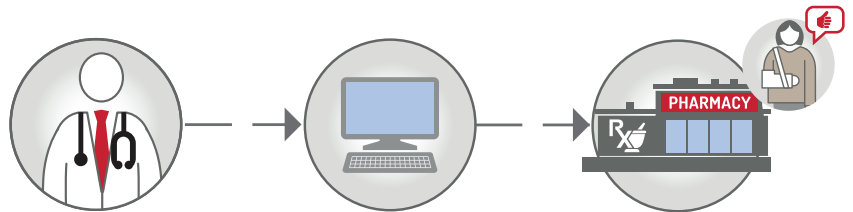- Increased overall e-prescribing adoption to achieve Meaningful Use Stage 2 criteria

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**Dual workflow without EPCS**

~20% controlled prescriptions

40% controlled & non-controlled mix

~40% non-controlled prescriptions

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*Without EPCS, 40% of patients who receive a prescription are likely to be given a mix of paper and electronic prescriptions.*
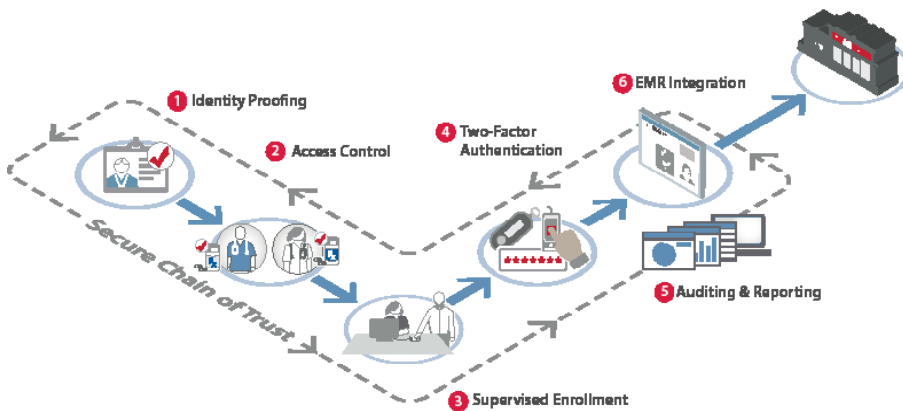
**Single, streamlined workflow with EPCS**

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*EPCS creates a single, simplifed workflow for all prescriptions.*

## Enabling EPCS securely with Imprivata Confirm ID

The DEA allows EPCS only if certain requirements are met and a secure, auditable chain of trust is established for the entire EPCS process.  Imprivata Confirm ID is the fast, secure signing solution for e-prescribing of controlled substances. Imprivata Confirm ID enables a major shift to electronic prescribing of controlled substances (EPCS) by delivering the first comprehensive product that simplifies adoption of regulatory requirements for EPCS while helping providers address inefficiencies and potential fraud caused by paper based prescriptions.  The solution creates a secure chain of trust by simplifying provider identity proofing, enabling supervised enrollment, and enforcing two factor authentication requirements while maintaining a comprehensive audit trail throughout the entire process.

Imprivata Confirm ID elegantly simplifies EPCS workflows by:

- Integrating directly into the e-prescribing workflows of leading EMR applications

- Supporting DEA compliant fingerprint biometrics and tokens, providing must-have flexibility for all clinical workflows

- Automating authentication modality presentation – clinician is only prompted for what is available and allowed

- Operating in any SSO environment as a stand-alone solution



**Imprivata Confirm ID: fast, secure signing for E-prescribing of Controlled Substances**

For more information about Imprivata Confirm ID and how it helps meet DEA and state-level compliance requirements for EPCS,
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