Solo and Small Practices
Integrate EPCS into your practice today.

The deadline for meeting the Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substances (EPCS) mandate is quickly approaching. Now's the time to take action. Just follow these four steps.

Step 1:   Update your EHR software

- Find out if the EHR software version that your practice uses has already been certified and approved for EPCS

- Click the "check" button to check your EHR status with Surescripts at **www.getEPCS.com,** or you can ask your EHR account manager

Step 2:   Provide proof of ID

- ID proofing can be done in-person or online, through companies that work with your EHR

- For online ID proofing, you may need to answer a security question and email scanned copies of government-issued documents along with your photo and your medical license

- Sometimes an electric bill or bank statement is also needed to confirm your address

Step 3:   Set up two-factor authentication

- This double-level process ensures that only you can sign and send the controlled substance prescription to the pharmacy

- There are various options: mobile phones, smart cards, fob tokens, USB thumb drives and biometrics like fingerprint scanners

- Once you're set up, two-factor authentication requires hardly any extra effort

Step 4:   Implement secure access control

- For this final step, you'll need two separate people to set secure access controls for your EHR e-prescribing software

- One person needs to be a DEA registrant who has been ID-proofed and has their two-factor authentication method in place—this could be you

- The other is a person who can confirm your identity, such as an office manager or another member of your practice—but they do not need to be an employee of your practice

For information specific to your software application, always consult with your EHR vendor.