

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 26, 2018

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 SENATE BILL NO. 1128

5 By: Yen

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7 **[ Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act -**  
8 **electronic prescribing system - codification -**  
9 **effective date ]**  
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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-316 of Title 63, unless there  
14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 For the purposes of this act:

16 A. "Backward compatible" means that the newer version of a data  
17 transmission standard would retain, at a minimum, the full  
18 functionality of the versions previously adopted, and would permit  
19 the successful completion of the applicable transactions with  
20 entities that continue to use the older versions.

21 B. "Dispense" or "dispensing" has the meaning given in Section  
22 353.1 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes. For the purposes of  
23 this act, dispensing does not include the direct administering of a  
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1 controlled substance to a patient by a licensed health care  
2 professional.

3 C. "Dispenser" has the meaning given in Section 353.1 of Title  
4 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

5 D. "E-prescribing" means the transmission using electronic  
6 media of prescription or prescription-related information between a  
7 prescriber, dispenser, pharmacy benefit manager, or group purchaser,  
8 either directly or through an intermediary, including an e-  
9 prescribing network. E-prescribing includes, but is not limited to,  
10 two-way transmissions between the point of care and the dispenser  
11 and two-way transmissions related to eligibility, formulary, and  
12 medication history information.

13 E. "Electronic prescription drug program" means a program that  
14 provides for e-prescribing.

15 F. "Group purchaser" means a person or organization that  
16 purchases health care services on behalf of an identified group of  
17 persons, regardless of whether the cost of coverage or services is  
18 paid for by the purchaser or by the persons receiving coverage or  
19 services. "Group purchaser" includes, but is not limited to,  
20 community integrated service networks, health insurance companies,  
21 health maintenance organizations, nonprofit health service plan  
22 corporations and other health plan companies, employee health plans  
23 offered by self-insured employers, trusts established in a  
24 collective bargaining agreement under the federal Labor-Management

1 Relations Act of 1947, United States Code, Title 29, Section 141, et  
2 seq., group health coverage offered by fraternal organizations,  
3 professional associations or other organizations, state and federal  
4 health care programs, state and local public employee health plans,  
5 workers' compensation plans and the medical component of automobile  
6 insurance coverage.

7 G. "HL7 messages" means a standard approved by the standards  
8 development organization known as Health Level Seven.

9 H. "National Provider Identifier" or "NPI" means the identifier  
10 described under Code of Federal Regulations, Title 45, Part 162.406.

11 I. "NCPDP" means the National Council for Prescription Drug  
12 Programs, Inc.

13 J. "NCPDP Formulary and Benefits Standard" means the National  
14 Council for Prescription Drug Programs Formulary and Benefits  
15 Standard, Implementation Guide, Version 1, Release 0, October 2005.

16 K. "NCPDP SCRIPT Standard" means the National Council for  
17 Prescription Drug Programs Prescriber/Pharmacist Interface SCRIPT  
18 Standard, Implementation Guide Version 8, Release 1 (Version 8.1),  
19 October 2005, or the most recent standard adopted by the Centers for  
20 Medicare and Medicaid Services for e-prescribing under Medicare Part  
21 D as required by Section 1860D-4(e)(4)(D) of the Social Security Act  
22 (2016), and regulations adopted under it. The standards shall be  
23 implemented according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
24 Services schedule for compliance. Subsequently released versions of

1 the NCPDP SCRIPT Standard may be used, provided that the new version  
2 of the standard is backward compatible to the current version  
3 adopted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

4 L. "Pharmacy" has the meaning given in Section 353.1 of Title  
5 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

6 M. "Prescriber" has the meaning given in in Section 353.1 of  
7 Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

8 N. "Prescription-related information" means information  
9 regarding eligibility for drug benefits, medication history, or  
10 related health or drug information.

11 O. "Provider" or "health care provider" means a licensed health  
12 care provider as defined in Section 1-1708 of Title 63 of the  
13 Oklahoma Statutes.

14 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-316.1 of Title 63, unless  
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. Effective January 1, 2021, all providers, group purchasers,  
18 prescribers, and dispensers shall establish, maintain, and use an  
19 electronic prescription drug program. This program shall comply  
20 with the applicable standards in this act for transmitting, directly  
21 or through an intermediary, prescriptions and prescription-related  
22 information using electronic media.

23 B. If transactions described in this act are conducted, they  
24 shall be done electronically using the standards described in this

1 act. Nothing in this act requires providers, group purchasers,  
2 prescribers, or dispensers to electronically conduct transactions  
3 that are expressly prohibited by other sections or federal law.

4 C. Providers, group purchasers, prescribers, and dispensers  
5 shall use either HL7 messages or the NCPDP SCRIPT Standard to  
6 transmit prescriptions or prescription-related information  
7 internally when the sender and the recipient are part of the same  
8 legal entity. If an entity sends prescriptions outside the entity,  
9 it shall use the NCPDP SCRIPT Standard or other applicable standards  
10 required by this act. Any pharmacy within an entity shall be able  
11 to receive electronic prescription transmittals from outside the  
12 entity using the adopted NCPDP SCRIPT Standard. This exemption does  
13 not supersede any Health Insurance Portability and Accountability  
14 Act (HIPAA) requirement that may require the use of a HIPAA  
15 transaction standard within an organization.

16 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-316.2 of Title 63, unless  
18 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. Prescribers and dispensers shall use the NCPDP SCRIPT  
20 Standard for the communication of a prescription or prescription-  
21 related information. The NCPDP SCRIPT Standard shall be used to  
22 conduct the following transactions:

- 23 1. Get message transaction;
- 24 2. Status response transaction;

3. Error response transaction;
4. New prescription transaction;
5. Prescription change request transaction;
6. Prescription change response transaction;
7. Refill prescription request transaction;
8. Refill prescription response transaction;
9. Verification transaction;
10. Password change transaction;
11. Cancel prescription request transaction; and
12. Cancel prescription response transaction.

B. Providers, group purchasers, prescribers, and dispensers shall use the NCPDP SCRIPT Standard for communicating and transmitting medication history information.

C. Providers, group purchasers, prescribers, and dispensers shall use the NCPDP Formulary and Benefits Standard for communicating and transmitting formulary and benefit information.

D. Providers, group purchasers, prescribers, and dispensers shall use the national provider identifier to identify a health care provider in e-prescribing or prescription-related transactions when a health care provider's identifier is required.

E. Providers, group purchasers, prescribers, and dispensers shall communicate eligibility information and conduct health care eligibility benefit inquiry and response transactions according to the requirements of this act.

1       SECTION 4.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-316.3 of Title 63, unless  
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4       A. The Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the State  
5 Board of Pharmacy, shall develop no later than July 1, 2020, a  
6 uniform formulary exception form that allows health care providers  
7 to request exceptions from group purchaser formularies using a  
8 uniform form. Upon development of the form, all health care  
9 providers shall submit requests for formulary exceptions using the  
10 uniform form, and all group purchasers shall accept this form from  
11 health care providers.

12       B. No later than January 1, 2020, the uniform formulary  
13 exception form shall be accessible and submitted by health care  
14 providers, and accepted and processed by group purchasers, through  
15 secure electronic transmissions.

16       SECTION 5.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-316.4 of Title 63, unless  
18 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19       A. The Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the State  
20 Board of Pharmacy, shall, no later than February 15, 2019, identify  
21 an outline on how best to standardize drug prior authorization  
22 request transactions between providers and group purchasers with the  
23 goal of maximizing administrative simplification and efficiency in  
24 preparation for electronic transmissions.

1 B. No later than January 1, 2020, the State Board of Pharmacy  
2 shall develop the standard companion guide by which providers and  
3 group purchasers will exchange standard drug authorization requests  
4 using electronic data interchange standards, if available, with the  
5 goal of alignment with standards that are or will potentially be  
6 used nationally.

7 C. No later than January 1, 2021, drug prior authorization  
8 requests shall be accessible and submitted by health care providers,  
9 and accepted by group purchasers, electronically through secure  
10 electronic transmissions. Facsimile shall not be considered  
11 electronic transmission.

12 SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
14 February 26, 2018 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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