

# Electronic Prescription Controlled Substance (EPCS) FOR CENTRICITY PRACTICE SOLUTION



## EPCS

Electronically prescribe controlled substances securely within Centricity EMR

Since the "Support for Patients and Communities Act" law was signed in October 2018 there are a number of federal and state initiatives in place to help combat the nations opioid crisis. The Law requires providers to prescribe controlled substances electronically with measures in place to circumvent forged and stolen prescriptions, and doctor shopping. Providers must be authenticated and prescribe via tighter security measures.

**While the deadline to comply is not until January 1, 2021 many states have already mandated EPCS.**

### EPCS PRESCRIBER WORKFLOW

Controlled substance prescriptions are entered into Centricity using the same workflow currently in use for all electronic prescriptions. Signing can be initiated one of two ways:

- Signing an EMR document containing a controlled substance prescription or
- Using the Sign Rx Now button on the Prescriptions Form.

The final step is to enter two factors of authentication (see sidebar). Once both factors of authentication have been entered the prescription is signed and will be sent to the pharmacy.

### EPCS PREPARATION AND SET-UP

Quatris Healthco is poised to help our customers successfully implement EPCS. From our initial kick-off call where we discuss the implementation and planning to working with our technical team to verify technical readiness (Centricity version and Imprivata requirements, active directory preparation, whitelisting, and ID proofing).

The EPCS team will likely include a Quatris Healthco technician, the ID Administrator (person responsible within the practice for prescriber licensing and EPCS) and assistance from your local IT resource.

### EPCS Authentication Options

**Centricity Password** - The prescriber's Centricity password can be used as one factor of authentication.

**Imprivata App** - The Imprivata ID App can be installed on a provider's phone to quickly authenticate controlled substance prescriptions (available on Apple and Android mobile app stores).

**Fingerprint Reader** - Can be used as one of the authentication methods for an easy, fast way to approve controlled substance prescriptions.

