

# Electronic Prescription Controlled Substance (EPCS)

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## EPCS

Electronically prescribe controlled substances securely within athenaPractice

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.

### EPCS PRESCRIBER WORKFLOW

Controlled substance prescriptions are entered into athenaPractice 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 helps 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 (athenaPractice version and Imprivata requirements, active directory preparation, whitelisting, and ID proofing).

The EPCS team includes 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

#### athenaPractice Password

The prescriber's athenaPractice 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.

