

E-Prescription Requirement

All healthcare providers, including dentists, prescribing controlled substances schedule II-V must submit prescriptions electronically. During this past legislative session, ISDS worked with other stakeholders to pursue legislation to outline further and clarify the requirement.

The legislation provides for the following exemptions to submitting the prescriptions electronically:

- **A provider that does not issue more than 150 prescriptions during a 12-month period is exempted from this requirement until December 31, 2028.**
- Starting January 1, 2029, a prescriber would be exempt if they do not issue more than 50 prescriptions during a 12-month period.
- Before January 1, 2026, the prescriber demonstrates financial difficulty in buying or managing an electronic prescription option.
- On and after January 1, 2026, the prescriber provides proof of a waiver from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for economic hardship.
- Temporary technological or electrical failure that prevents an electronic prescription from being issued.
- The practitioner determines it would be impractical for the patient to obtain in a timely manner if prescribed electronically and would adversely impact the patient's medical condition.
- Patients in certain locations and situations, such as nursing homes, correctional facilities, or undergoing hospice care.

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) is expected to issue guidance on how the exemptions will need to be certified. ISDS will inform its members when this information becomes available.