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I hope you have enjoyed this issue of our newsletter. If you are concerned that your network isn't living up to its potential, give us a call.

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Welcome to the latest newsletter from Parallax Solutions. In this issue, I will be discussing e-prescribing since it is fast becoming a hot topic in the world of electronic health records. For our customers using McKesson Practice Partner, be advised that you will need to be on version 9.3.1 of the software to begin taking advantage of revamped e-rx module. It is a pretty painless update, so please contact us if you have not upgraded recently.

In my experience, adopting e-prescribing doesn't come without wrinkles, no matter who the vendor is. It is important that you champion the cause and be willing to iron out the process to make it work effectively for you.



e-prescribing

What is e-prescribing? More and more, you will find your medical practice asked whether you are taking part in e-prescribing, especially if your patient population consists of Medicare and Medicaid patients.

E-prescribing or electronic prescribing is the use of online, computerized tools to create and sign prescriptions, which are then electronically transmitted to the pharmacy of choice. Physicians are now taking advantage of this technology to replace written prescriptions. The goal of e-prescribing is to bring safety and efficiency to practices through the use of e-prescribing tools, which often come bundled with electronic health record packages.

E-prescribing can offer many advantages to practices. Patients can benefit from the safety features of e-prescribing since the process can eliminate medication errors due to poor handwriting. Another benefit is the inclusion of automated safety checks against patient allergies and drug interactions. More advanced e-prescribing software can even check formularies to make sure the drug being prescribed is the most cost effective alternative for the patient.

Physicians and staff can benefit as well. Practices should see a dramatic decrease in calls from pharmacies wanting clarification of prescriptions. In addition, some payors are offering incentive programs for practices that adopt e-prescribing and use it effectively for their patients.

Check with your electronic health record provider to see if they offer an e-prescribing module. Chances are, they do.

Look into it now and be prepared for future requirements.

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