

Identity Proofing Solution for Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substances A Start for NSTIC in Healthcare

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DrFirst Background

- 1st company to begin EPCS pilot in the US under a special DEA waiver
 - 3 year pilot in Berkshire County, MA
 - Funded by an AHRQ grant to the MA Department of Public Health
- 1st company to send outpatient electronic prescription for controlled substances in the US. (DrFirst EPCS Gold v1.0)
- Participated with DEA in defining the Interim Final Rule (IFR) released June 2010 authorizing EPCS for all providers in US
- 1st company to send outpatient controlled substances prescription under the Interim Final Rule (IFR)

Identity Proofing Process

- Partnered with Symantec and Experian to meet NIST SP 800-63-1 Assurance Level 3 to Identity Proof physicians for “EPCS Gold 2.0”
- Process can be highly leveraged:
 - Front end UI customizable
 - Back-end decision processing completed by Experian
 - Process sits outside normal electronic prescribing workflow
- Verbal presentation to follow