



Illinois e-Prescribing Collaborative Program Frequently Asked Questions

Q: *What is Electronic Prescribing?*

A: Electronic Prescribing is an efficient, economical and secure way to improve prescription accuracy and patient safety.

Q: *What is the collaborative?*

A: "The Illinois Collaborative is an informal multi-payor and statewide health care industry initiative with the goal of improving patient safety through e-prescribing technology". The Illinois e-Prescribing Collaborative is the first of its kind in the nation, as insurers, technology vendors, pharmacies, employer groups, physicians and other organizations involved in the prescription process are working together to increase the use of e-prescribing.

Q: *What organizations make up the collaborative?*

A: Organizations involved in this collaborative include:

- American Academy of Pediatrics
- DrFirst.com
- Illinois Academy of Family Physicians
- Illinois Foundation for Quality Healthcare
- Illinois Healthcare and Family Services
- Illinois Hospital Association
- Illinois State Medical Society
- Midwest Business Group on Health
- Other Payors
- RX HUB
- Safeway
- Supervalu
- SureScripts
- Walgreens
- ZixCorp

Q: *Will more IPAs be selected to participate?*

A: Yes in the very near future. If you would like the opportunity to join our waiting list for next deployments please send an email to ilerx@bcbsil.com.

Q: *What vendors are involved?*

A: Vendors:

DrFirst <http://www.drfirst.com> _ and _ZixCorp <http://www.zixcorp.com>

Q: *What costs are covered by BCBSIL?*

A: BCBSIL sponsored the initial deployment costs as well a one year license to the e-prescribing software.

Q: *What types of patient information can be accessed when you e-prescribe?*

A: Physicians have access to real-time [patient data, including:

- Medication history
- Eligibility and benefits
- Patient's plan drug formulary information
- Clinical alerts and warnings