

EPCS Regulatory Milestones

- The 2022 PFS final rule, which appeared in the November 19, 2021 issue of the Federal Register, extended the date of compliance actions to no earlier than January 1, 2023, and finalized a policy that prescriptions for Part D beneficiaries in a long-term care (LTC) facility would not be included for purposes of determining compliance until January 1, 2025. This rule also established exceptions and the waiver process, and it finalized a policy to limit 2023 compliance actions to a compliance letter.
- The 2021 PFS final rule, which appeared in the December 28, 2020 issue of the Federal Register, established the requirement that prescribers use the NCPDP SCRIPT standard version 2017071 for EPCS transmissions.
- On August 4, 2020, CMS published a Request for Information (RFI) for Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substances (EPCS) in Medicare Part D. The RFI sought input from stakeholders around implementation of Section 2003 of the SUPPORT Act.
- On October 24, 2018, Section 2003 of the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act (SUPPORT Act) became public law, requiring prescriptions under a Part D prescription drug plan or Medicare Advantage prescription drug plan be transmitted in accordance with an electronic prescription drug program.