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Petition for Exemption from Mandate for Electronic Transmission of Prescriptions

Beginning January 1, 2020, all prescriptions (including controlled and non-controlled substances) transmitted to a pharmacy must be transmitted via electronic transmission¹, unless exempted by Iowa Code² or granted an exemption by the Board of Pharmacy. If the entirety of your prescribing or dispensing is exempted by Iowa Code, no exemption from the Board of Pharmacy is required. Attached to this application is information about electronic prescribing systems which has been provided to the Board by vendors who may be able to service your electronic prescribing needs.³

To request an exemption beginning January 1, 2020, an application shall be submitted to the Board of Pharmacy no later than October 1, 2019. The Board will respond to timely applications no later than December 1, 2019. To request a renewal to a previously approved exemption, an application shall be submitted no later than 60 days prior to the expiration of the existing exemption period. **Please review the criteria⁴ for Board consideration of a petition for exemption prior to submitting an application.**

After January 1, 2020, the transmission of a prescription which is not subject to an exemption by other than electronic means shall constitute a violation of Iowa Code⁵ and may subject the prescriber or pharmacy to an administrative penalty of \$250 per violation, up to a maximum of \$5,000 per calendar year.

Date of request: ___/___/___ **Duration of exemption requested (no more than 1 year):** _____

Name of entity seeking exemption: _____

NPI# of entity, if applicable: _____ **Entity business type:** _____

Address of entity: _____

Contact Name: _____ **Contact Phone #:** _____

Contact E-mail address: _____

If petitioner is a medical group or institution, **attach a list** of the names, professions, professional license numbers, and (if the petition includes the prescribing of controlled substances) Iowa Uniform Controlled Substances Act (CSA) registration numbers of all prescribers who would be covered by the exemption.

Schedules of substances handled/prescribed/dispensed for which the petitioner is seeking exemption from the electronic transmission requirement (Select all that apply):

2 Narcotic 2 Non-narcotic 3 Narcotic 3 Non-narcotic 4 5 Non-controlled

¹ Pursuant to Iowa Code sections 124.308 and 155A.27

² See Iowa Code subsection 124.308(2), paragraph "c" and Iowa Code subsection 155A.27(2), paragraph "b"

³ The Board does not endorse any particular vendor of electronic prescribing systems. You are allowed to use any vendor which can provide compliance in electronic prescribing of prescriptions; you are not limited to the vendors described in the information provided.

⁴ Pursuant to 657 Iowa Administrative Code rules 21.8(124,155A) and 21.9 (124,155A)

⁵ See Iowa Code subsection 124.308(2), paragraph "d" or Iowa Code subsection 155A.27(2), paragraph "c"

Describe the petitioner’s current capabilities for electronic transmission of prescriptions:

Anticipated date of compliance with electronic transmission requirement: _____

Identify the reason for seeking this petition:

Economic hardship Technological limitations Other exceptional circumstances

Justification for exemption request:

If for **economic hardship**, submit the following (*all must be included for consideration*):

- A copy of the petitioner’s most recent tax return showing annual income
- At least two quotes documenting the cost of implementing electronic transmission capabilities

If for **technological limitations**, submit the following (*all must be included for consideration*):

- Documentation showing the available internet service providers
- Documentation of the speed and bandwidth available from each provider
- Any data caps imposed by the internet service provider
- Documentation showing the minimum technological requirements from at least two electronic transmission vendors
- Any additional information that is not previously identified that will establish a technological limitation

If for **other exceptional circumstances**, submit all relevant information and documentation:

- Free or low-income clinic
- Bankruptcy in previous year
- Intend to discontinue practice prior to December 31, 2020
- Disability limiting ability to utilize electronic transmission capabilities
- Other (describe): _____

If petitioning for renewal of previously approved exemption, provide the following:

- The number of exemptions previously granted: _____
- Description of the progress made by petitioner towards compliance with mandate for electronic transmission of prescriptions:

FOR BOARD USE ONLY:

Date reviewed:	
Approved / denied:	
If approved, duration:	
Date petitioner notified:	



Below is information about electronic prescribing systems, which has been provided to the Board by vendors who may be able to service your electronic prescribing needs. The Board does not require the use of electronic health records. The Board does not endorse any particular vendor of electronic prescribing systems. You are allowed to use any vendor which can provide compliance in the electronic transmission of prescriptions. Note that cost information is provided for informational purposes only and costs are subject to change at the discretion of the vendor.

VENDOR	COST OF ePRESCRIBING (note that EHR is not mandatory)
Allscripts Professional	\$0.00 (included w/EHR)
Allscripts Touchworks	\$0.00 (included w/EHR)
Amazing Charts	\$0.00 (included w/EHR)
Athena	\$0.00 (included w/EHR)
Cerner	Varies based upon number of providers
DrFirst	\$799/provider/yr; Discounted pricing with 10+ providers
eClinical Works	\$0.00 (included w/EHR)
eMDs	\$344 initial; \$40/provider/month; \$120/yr maintenance
Epic	Varies based upon number of providers
GE Centricity	\$0.00 (included w/EHR)
Greenway Intergy	\$372/provider/yr
Greenway PrimeSuite	\$180/provider/yr
NewCrop	\$20//provider/month; EPCS \$150/yr
NextGen	\$0.00 (included w/EHR)
Practice Fusion	\$99/provider/month