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Dear Licensees and Stakeholders,

The Bureau of Professional Licensing (BPL) within the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) is providing you with this notification regarding important implementation updates for Public Acts [134](#), [135](#), and [136](#) of 2020 which require electronic prescribing (e-prescribing) of prescriptions.

As you may be aware, the law will soon require prescribers to electronically transmit controlled and non-controlled substance prescriptions. Pursuant to authority provided in [MCL 333.17754a\(10\)](#), BPL's enforcement of the electronic prescribing standard will coincide with the [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' \(CMS\) enforcement schedule](#) for Part D prescription drug programs. As a result, BPL will initiate enforcement of Michigan's new electronic prescribing standard on the same date that CMS begins its electronic prescribing enforcement schedule.

To help meet this effective date for implementation, the administrative rules for the general rules for pharmacy and the controlled substance rules are currently open and moving through the rule making process. Both rule sets should be through the public hearing and public comment period by the end of September. It is expected that the rules will then go to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) in October. BPL is hopeful that the rules will be promulgated by the end of October or first of November.

As the rules continue to move through the administrative process, the Bureau is preparing the waiver process for certain prescribing circumstances and forms so that the information may be issued and shared once rules are promulgated. At such time, BPL will post online the information and also share the final version and details.

Should you have any questions, please contact bplhelp@michigan.gov or visit our website at www.michigan.gov/bpl.

Sincerely,

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