Electronic prior authorization for prescription drugs (ePA) is required in Minnesota as of January 1, 2016. What have you done to ensure that we are in compliance with this mandate?

How are the payer’s formulary and benefit files handled? Where is the information displayed so that we can see if prior authorization (PA) is required?

Are we getting the information we need to route ePA transactions from the electronic eligibility check (ASC X12N 270/271) we do before the encounter?

How can PA functions be delegated among staff?

Are there any costs associated with ePA?

Some controlled substances require PA; are we able to send those prescriptions electronically as well? If not, what needs to be done so that we can electronically prescribe controlled substances (EPCS)?

Key Questions to Ask your EHR/e-Prescribing Vendor