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Key Questions to Ask your EHR/e-Prescribing Vendor

- 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)?