

The Strengthen Opioid Misuse Prevention (STOP) Act of 2017 combats the opioid epidemic in North Carolina, and contains several provisions that apply to North Carolina Medical Board licensees prescribing targeted controlled substances (Schedule II or III opioids and narcotics). Provisions currently are in place such as quantity limitations on prescriptions for acute pain, and the following provisions will go into effect soon.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIBING



NEW NC CSRS PLATFORM LAUNCHED IN SEPTEMBER 2018

- Prescribers should incorporate prescription history review into their workflow now
- Prescribers must individually register for NC CSRS individually at: northcarolina.pmpaware.net/login
- NC CSRS is authorized to conduct periodic audits to determine prescriber review compliance. Violations are reported to NC Medical Board, and may result in regulatory action



WHAT IS NC CSRS?

NC CSRS is a clinical tool that . . .

- Collects dispensed controlled substance prescription information and makes it available to providers and dispensers
- Helps monitor patient behavior to avoid issuing prescriptions to patients who may be abusing or misusing medications
- Helps prescribers audit personal controlled substance prescribing history



ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING

Effective January 1, 2020

Practitioners must electronically prescribe for all Schedule II and III opioids and narcotics

Provision does not apply to practitioners who

- Dispense directly to an ultimate user, with exception of pharmacists
- Order for hospital administration, nursing home facility, hospice facility, outpatient dialysis facility, or residential care facility
- Experience temporary technological or electrical failure or other extenuating circumstances that prevent prescription from electronic transmission*
- Write prescription dispensed by pharmacy located on federal property*
- Are licensed to practice veterinary medicine.

* Practitioners must document reason for exception within patient medical record.



NC CSRS MANDATORY REVIEW

Effective upon completion of NC CSRS technical upgrades: Date TBD

Practitioners must review patient 12-month prescription history in NC CSRS and document within patient medical record:

- Prior to prescribing a Schedule II or III opioid or narcotic, and
- Every subsequent 3-month period Schedule II or III opioid or narcotic remains part of patient medical care
- After resolve of any electrical or technical failure preventing review

Review is optional when prescribing for:

- Administration in health care setting, hospital, nursing home, outpatient dialysis facility, or residential care facility
- Treatment of cancer or another condition associated with cancer
- Patient in hospice care or palliative care

LEVERAGE NC CSRS DATA INTEGRATION TO COMBAT OPIOID MISUSE

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS), Division of Mental Health Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, is partnering with Appriss Health (software vendor for CSRS) to provide option of integrating controlled substance reporting data within NC health entity EHR or PMS. Integration occurs directly through entity health IT vendor or via NC HealthConnex.



INTEGRATION

Integration process should be completed by authorized representative from your organization

1. Visit info.apprisshealth.com/ncgatewayintegrationrequest
2. Follow instructions for and complete (all):
 - a. Integration Request Form and submit
 - b. Terms and Conditions Agreement (emailed within 24-48 hours of submitting Integration Request Form)
 - c. **Prescriber List** (files.nc.gov/ncdhhs/documents/files/NC_prescriber_list_template.xlsx) **and email to** NCCSRS.Gateway.Integration@dhhs.nc.gov
 - d. PMP Gateway Licensee Questionnaire app.hellosign.com/s/056e32d1
3. NC DHHS receives forms for review
4. If approved, NC DHHS submits request to Appriss Health to begin integration
5. Appriss Health contacts organization representative and/or EHR/PMS vendor with next steps



DATA INTEGRATION BENEFITS

- + Streamlined clinical workflow for review of prescription history. EHR or PMS automatically initiates a patient query using PMP Gateway and returns patient prescription history directly within prescriber's EHR or PMS.
- + No fee to integrate via NC HealthConnex (must be full participant)
- + Opportunity to receive additional Promoting Interoperability points when reporting for MIPS

RESOURCES

The STOP Act of 2017 Summary

ncmedboard.org/images/uploads/article_images/The_STOP_Act_summary-OnLetterhead.pdf

United States Drug Enforcement Administration: The Controlled Substances Act

ncmedboard.org/images/uploads/article_images/The_STOP_Act_summary-OnLetterhead.pdf

Leveraging NC HealthConnex to Combat Opioid Misuse

hiea.nc.gov/services/leveraging-nc-healthconnex-combat-opioid-misuse

NC Controlled Substances Reporting System (CSRS)

ncmedboard.org/landing-page/nccsrs

NC CSRS User Support Manual

d1b1sdx6nwlphm.cloudfront.net/aware/nc_aws_prod/narxcare_user_guide.pdf

NC CSRS Integration Request

info.apprisshealth.com/ncgatewayintegrationrequest

NC HealthConnexForm

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