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Regulatory Deadlines Are Closer Than They Appear

Navigating the Road to Compliance for EHR and HIT Vendors

The road to compliance is filled with sharp curves, and EHR and HIT vendors need to get into the fast lane. Just like objects in the side-view mirror, deadlines for implementing new e-prescribing and interoperability standards from the CMS and ASTP/ONC are closer than they may appear.

The onus is on vendors to put the pedal to the metal now, ensuring providers aren't left stranded.

Planning is key and so is mapping out your strategy—and this guide will help you do that.

Managing numerous and sometimes concurrent rules from CMS and ONC/ASTP is no easy feat, especially with competing priorities.

So buckle up, hit the gas, and don't let deadlines sneak up on you—they're closer than they seem.

Timeline and Recommendations

Fall 2024

Assess Impacts

- Complete any **remaining tasks related to the HTI-1 requirements** to ensure compliance and set a solid foundation for future updates.
- **Revise and reconstruct your 2025 roadmap** to incorporate the latest regulatory changes and prepare for the new standards.
- Stay alert for the **release of the HTI-2 final rule,** which will provide detailed requirements and timelines for the next phase of interoperability and e-prescribing standards.

Focus on HTI-1

- Ensure all interoperability requirements from HTI-1 are **fully implemented and operational.**
- **Update 2026 roadmap** to reflect the new requirements and timelines after HTI-2 final rule is published.
- **Begin upgrading client systems** to comply with the new HTI-1 standards and prepare them for future changes.

Early 2025

E-Prescribing Phase 1

Mid-to Late 2025

- Start development for **Formulary and Benefit (F&B) version 60,** ensuring your systems can handle the new standards.
- Development for the **Real-Time Prescription Benefit (RTPB) version 13.**
- Development for **HTI-2** (estimated) to meet compliance deadlines.
- Ensure all necessary certifications are updated to reflect the **new standards.**
- Continue upgrading **client systems** to support the new e-prescribing standards and interoperability requirements.

E-Prescribing Phase 2

Early 2026

- Implement **NCPDP SCRIPT Standard 2023011** to ensure that your systems support updated prescribing, electronic prior authorization, and medication history standards.
- Obtain any **additional certifications** required for the new standards.
- **Last mile HTI-2** (estimated) to ensure full compliance with all interoperability and data exchange requirements.
- Perform the **final upgrades for client systems** to ensure they fully comply with the new standards.

Full Adoption

2027

Establish a plan for ongoing upgrades and maintenance to ensure continued compliance with evolving standards and to address any emerging needs or improvements.

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Full Regulatory Compliance Ahead