Where Your E-Prescriptions Go First

Welcome to the Health Freedom Minute. This is Twila Brase, president of Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom.

Does your doctor give you paper prescriptions or send them electronically to your pharmacy? If they’re sent to your pharmacy, they probably go somewhere else first.

Almost all of today’s electronic prescriptions pass through a Minneapolis data hub built by SureScripts. How many? According to the Star Tribune, about 52 percent of doctors nationwide are sending electronic prescriptions.

SureScripts has big plans. They want to be “the clinical health care exchange for the country.” They want to share all kinds of information including lab results, x-rays, and patient histories. They want to enable insurers and pharmacies to send information to doctors about patients, such as if you picked up your pills. Is this the kind of sharing you want?

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