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Rethinking Electronic Prescriptions

Many states require doctors to write electronic prescriptions. This means your doctor will ask you to name a pharmacy. There are reasons to think twice about the e-prescribing mandate.

First, your pharmacy of choice becomes part of your record potentially allowing your doctor or health plan to track the day and time you pick up your prescription – or don’t. Second, e-prescribing does not allow you to shop around for the best price.

Third, electronic prescriptions mean costly busy work. Pharmacies have to empty prescriptions when people fail to pick them up. I witnessed this grand dumping process one evening at Wal-mart. Ask for paper. They are still available for people to take with them on vacations.

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“Eligible Professional Meaningful Use Table of Contents Core and Menu Set Objectives,” EHR Incentive Program, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. n.d.

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