

## SCDHHS Mandatory Use of SCRIPTS

Beginning April 1, 2016, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will require Medicaid providers to consult with South Carolina Reporting & Identification Prescription Tracking System (SCRIPTS) before issuing a prescription for any Schedule II through IV controlled substance.

### Frequently Asked Questions

**1. How do I sign up to access SCRIPTS?**

To sign up to access the SCRIPTS database, go to <https://southcarolina.pmpaware.net/login> and click the “Create an Account” link. A tutorial for the registration process is available at [http://www.apriss.com/product-documentation/PMPA\\_Tut\\_Registration\\_Process\\_V1.pdf](http://www.apriss.com/product-documentation/PMPA_Tut_Registration_Process_V1.pdf).

**2. Is the program free?**

Yes, there is no cost for providers to access SCRIPTS.

**3. What are the documentation requirements?**

Providers must maintain documentation that the SCRIPTS database was verified before the issuance of a Schedule II through IV controlled substance prescription. This documentation may take the form of a notation in the member’s medical record. If a provider’s electronic medical record (EMR) automatically downloads SCRIPTS data and makes that available to the provider at the point of care, a notation for each patient is not required.

**4. What if SCRIPTS is unavailable?**

The SCRIPTS website is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In the unlikely event that technical difficulty prohibits access to SCRIPTS, a notation should be made in the member’s medical record that SCRIPTS was unavailable.

**5. Does the SCRIPTS mandate apply to Medicaid members in nursing facilities?**

No. The exemption for cases where a controlled substance is administered by a health care provider is intended to exempt this requirement when a provider is treating a Medicaid member who resides in a skilled nursing or assisted living facility.

**6. Are there additional resources?**

Prescription monitoring information and resources may be found on DHEC’s website: <http://www.dhec.sc.gov/Health/FHPF/DrugControlRegisterVerify/PrescriptionMonitoring/>

