



## EPCS Mandated for March 27, 2016

### What You Should Expect from RHS

As you know, NYS mandated that as of March 27, 2016 all Medication orders must be sent electronically to the pharmacy, and that they must be sent in a very specific encrypted manner. In addition all physicians must use dual authentication when prescribing controlled substances.

#### What you should expect from RHS:

**On January 11, 2016** RHS will be upgrading your EMR software. You will see some new screens and other screens which have been changed to conform to EPCS requirements.

Although you will notice these changes on January 11, 2016 we are not actually changing how the orders are sent to your pharmacy, and we are not enforcing dual authentication on that date.

To be ready for the January 11, 2016 changes RHS will be contacting a super-user at your facility to review the changes. We will also be making available a document outlining the changes, a practice site, and a video.

**On March 27, 2016** (unless your facility received a waiver from NYS) we will be turning on dual-authentication for ordering controlled substances, and we will change (internally) the way medication orders are sent to your pharmacy.

To be ready for March 27, 2016 make sure each of your physicians acquires an IdentTrust Token, which they will need when prescribing controlled substances. If your physicians have not yet acquired a token make sure they do so well in advance of the March 27, 2016 deadline. We recommend your physician acquire the **Hybrid USB/OTP Token**, which can only be ordered from IdenTrust. If your physician serves residents in more than one facility that uses the RHS VISUAL EMR Software, one token will suffice for all their facilities. Non-IdenTrust tokens will **NOT** work with the RHS VISUAL EMR software.