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Newly Updated Pharmacy State Law Compendium Available

The most comprehensive, up-to-date compendium of state and federal pharmacy statutes and regulations is now available from Point-of-Care Partners (POCP), a healthcare information technology (HIT) strategy and management consulting firm with in-depth expertise in ePrescribing, health information exchange, chronic care management and HIT project management.

The compendium, updated for the first quarter of 2010, is a must-have for ePrescribing stakeholders now that the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has just allowed the ePrescribing of controlled substances.

“The DEA’s new requirements will have a huge ripple effect across the country. States will need to assess their current laws and regulations for the paper-based prescribing of controlled substances, and update them for the electronic age,” said Tony Schueth, POCP founder and managing partner. “Our new compendium gives states, vendors and others a regulatory baseline from which they can build.”

The compendium also is a useful resource for policymakers, vendors, intermediaries, retail and specialty pharmacies, and other stakeholders who need to have the latest state-specific information on the changing regulatory landscape affecting ePrescribing and the exchange of prescription information across state lines. It contains the most currently available information as of Q1 2010, which is gleaned from Board of Pharmacy (BOP) websites and other published materials, such as pharmacy association and BOP newsletters, state health and safety codes, as well as other statutes and Medicaid rules and regulations (where applicable). It includes:

- State-by-state citations of the rules, regulations and statutes pertaining to electronically transmitted, faxed or printed prescriptions
- Addresses, Web sites and BOP executive contact information
- Actionable spreadsheet summarizing each Board’s requirements
- Indication of which states require written and/or in-person approval of the ePrescribing system

“Our pharmacy law database is a valuable resource to help ensure that clients can comply with state and federal ePrescribing regulations,” said Sherry L. Neuman, PharmD, an affiliated consultant with POCP who created the compendium and has updated it every quarter since 2006.

Dr. Neumann and other POCP staff are available to interpret the DEA’s new rule and analyze State laws and regulations on a customized basis for the range of ePrescribing stakeholders. In addition, our consultants have from 15 to 25 years experience in all aspects of HIT, including strategy, management, marketing, product development, infrastructure, customer service and implementation. POCP leverages this base of in-depth knowledge and complementary skill sets to develop and execute winning strategies and management services based on lessons learned, current trends and key drivers.

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