

TPA Can Help You

The Tennessee Pharmacists Association (TPA), through the Tennessee Pharmacists Research and Education Foundation (TPREF), is working with the State to provide grant dollars for independent community pharmacies in Tennessee, to support the implementation of ePrescribing in these pharmacies. In order to obtain the grants and make them available to pharmacies, TPA needs independent community pharmacies to apply. Your participation is urgently needed.

Important Information:

- **Tennessee is working with prescribers throughout the state to implement ePrescribing.**
- **Physicians are being incentivized at both the state and federal level to adopt ePrescribing.**
- **If your pharmacy is not ready to receive electronic prescriptions when prescribers begin to use ePrescribing technology, this will cause problems for your patients, the prescribers in your area and your pharmacy staff.**
- **Physicians will receive up to a 2% bonus from Medicare for using ePrescriptions, beginning January 1, 2009.**
- **Beginning in 2012, physicians not compliant with ePrescribing will be docked up to 2% in Medicare reimbursement.**
- **In order to possibly make grant dollars available for your pharmacy, you should fill out and mail the Grant Application to the TPREF as soon as you receive an invoice for your new software or software upgrades. To be considered, the invoice must be dated on or after December 1, 2008.**
- **If your pharmacy does not apply, you cannot be considered for eligibility for any of the grant dollars that will be available.**

TPREF ePrescription Implementation Grant Application

Pharmacy Name: _____

Pharmacy NPI No.: _____

Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN): _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: () _____ Fax () _____

Email: _____

County: _____

Contact Person: _____

Your Pharmacy's Dispensing Software Vendor:

Has your software vendor informed you that their software system has been updated to allow for ePrescribing functionality?

Yes No Explain: _____

Have you updated your current software to accept ePrescriptions? (Note: computer-generated faxes are not ePrescriptions.)

Yes No Explain: _____

What is/was the cost of updating your pharmacy software to be able to accept electronic prescriptions? Invoice dated on or after December 1, 2008, must be attached for consideration.

Please complete this grant application and return with an invoice for new software or software upgrade, and a completed IRS form W-9, to TPREF:

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The intention is that these state funds will seed the advancement of technical infrastructure in Tennessee's health care community with additional contributions from the community and other stakeholders. This project is funded under an agreement with the Department of Finance and Administration.