

Prepare for drug tracing requirements beginning January 1, 2015

Under the Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA), also known as “drug tracing” or “track and trace,” all entities in the drug supply chain will play a role in establishing a national system for tracing prescription drugs and must follow certain requirements that will protect against counterfeiting, contamination, adulteration and diversion.

As a dispenser of prescription drugs, you will be required to adhere to strict guidelines for accepting ownership and keeping records of those products. Cardinal Health looks forward to offering solutions so you can stay focused on your number one priority of serving your customers.

- **January 1, 2015 – trade only with “authorized” trading partners**

- The wholesale distributors that you buy prescription drugs from must have valid registrations or licenses. Be assured that Cardinal Health maintains all appropriate state and federal licenses for our distribution centers.
- You must have processes in place to identify suspect and illegitimate product to further ensure a secure supply chain.

- **July 1, 2015 – ownership and record keeping**

- You may only accept ownership of a prescription drug if the previous owner provides transaction data, which includes transaction information, transaction history and a transaction statement.
Cardinal Health will provide the required transaction data to customers via a web portal beginning January 1, 2015.
- You must maintain transaction data for six years and be able to provide it upon request from the FDA or other appropriate federal or state official in the event of a recall or for the purpose of investigating a suspect or illegitimate product.

You may enter into a written agreement for Cardinal Health to confidentially maintain the transaction data on your behalf at no additional cost. We will make the information available online where you may access it at your convenience.

In the coming months, we will send you details about accessing your transaction data. While you are not required to retrieve it until July 1, we recommend you log on to the system after January 1 so you are familiar with the process.

In the meantime, you can learn more about the Drug Supply Chain Security Act at cardinalhealth.com/trace, where you can view a [brief video](#). You may also send questions to drugtracing@cardinalhealth.com.

As always, thank you for your business.