



Information about the New KASPER Data Collection Process

The Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting (KASPER) system tracks Schedule II-V controlled substance prescriptions dispensed in Kentucky. KASPER was designed to help prescribers, dispensers and law enforcement in the fight against prescription drug abuse and diversion.

On May 15, 2007, RelayHealth was awarded the exclusive contract to enhance and begin managing the data collection for KASPER as set forth in KRS 218A.202 and 902 KAR 55:110. The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services plans to transition Kentucky dispensers to the new KASPER data collection program late this year with RelayHealth as the prime vendor. During the transition period, RelayHealth is working with the Commonwealth of Kentucky and members of the pharmacy community to define and design processes for capturing reporting information in ways that avoid workflow disruptions at the point-of-service.

The primary goal of this change is to improve the value of the KASPER database by populating it with cleaner and timelier data. The current electronic process involves an eight-day batch reporting cycle which can require 15 days or more to update the database. RelayHealth will provide additional data collection options to reduce the time to availability, including an option to use RelayHealth's existing pharmacy claims processing network to automatically transfer required reporting data into the KASPER system within one day of dispensing.

The new processes are being designed to help pharmacies:

- Reduce operating costs (this is a no-cost program to pharmacies)
- Centralize and streamline the controlled substance reporting process
- Meet Kentucky compliance regulations
- Take advantage of delivery options with superior security over batch submission, with data protected through all phases of transmission

The new program is planned for state-wide go-live rollout by the end of 2007. In late-summer 2007 we will begin a 30-day beta test to a limited number of pharmacies. For about 60 days before final rollout, we will run a parallel production environment with the state's existing vendor to ensure that data is properly transmitted and tracked with no data loss.

RelayHealth is already your trusted partner and has been a leader in the healthcare technology and claims processing arena for over 30 years. As the recognized expert in claims processing, they can now leverage that leadership position to benefit state prescription monitoring programs.

RelayHealth will manage the process for Kentucky with the goal of minimizing the impact of Schedule II-V controlled substance reporting on your workflow and operating costs. It is likely your claims may already pass through the RelayHealth network, in which case you can choose a new switch-based reporting option with minimal anticipated effect on your operations. This will benefit both the pharmacy and the systems vendor.

Regardless of your chosen data submission option, rest assured that none of your pharmacy's prescription data will be included in controlled substance data deliveries by RelayHealth until we have secured your written data authorization.

About RelayHealth

RelayHealth (formerly the pharmacy network piece of NDCHealth/Per-Se) operates as a neutral partner in an open network to support quality care improvements and reduce administrative costs for hospitals, pharmacies, providers, payors and patients. By offering connectivity and integrated solutions to participants across the spectrum of healthcare delivery, RelayHealth provides Care Fully Connected.

RelayHealth has built its reputation on the reliability, speed and accuracy of the Intelligent Network which provides connectivity to more than 90% of US pharmacies and over 1,000 payer plans and third-party processors, and handles more than 8.5 billion healthcare transactions each year.

To learn more about the RelayHealth solution for Kentucky pharmacies, please call 800.388.2316 or visit www.relayhealth.com.