



April 5, 2005
To: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Re: Response to CMS-0011-P

Zix Corporation respectfully submits its comments on the CMS proposed rules for e-prescribing.

As a leading vendor for e-prescribing and prescription management services, we are pleased that the government has realized that this technology is a viable, beneficial service for the healthcare community and support measures creating standards and policies for the industry. We believe these actions will help foster widespread adoption of e-prescribing and contribute to significant cost savings and reduction of medical errors.

ZixCorp's position in the healthcare marketplace has given our company close affiliation with many of the stakeholders involved in the proposed CMS rules, including payors, pharmacy benefit managers, hospital associations, and the physicians and medical office staff who are most directly affected. Our e-prescribing application is currently certified with RxHub and SureScripts. We are the e-prescribing vendor for the country's largest e-prescribing initiative in Massachusetts. We are also the technology behind MedsInfo-ED, a patient safety program of the Massachusetts Health Data Consortium (MHDC) that offers point-of-service access to dispensed prescription history information in emergency rooms, and which utilizes many of the proposed standards.

Our comments are based on real-world experience in this emerging e-prescribing market. We also operate and maintain a SysTrust-certified data center for millions of users of our e-prescribing and secure e-messaging applications that serves as the trusted hub of connectivity, predominantly for the healthcare industry. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to voice our opinion on this very important proposal. If you'd like to know more about ZixCorp you can visit our Web site at <http://www.zixcorp.com/> or feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Spurr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "S".

Rick Spurr
CEO, President, and Chief Operating Officer