

# Important Notice for North Carolina Dispensers: STOP Act is Fully Enacted

**Mandatory Use Comes into Effect on July 7, 2021**

Gateway Integration is here to help you remain compliant. This platform supports North Carolina's Controlled Substances Reporting System (CSRS) and transfers data into electronic health records (EHR) and pharmacy management systems (PMS).

**IS YOUR PMS INTEGRATED INTO THE SYSTEM? IF NOT, HERE IS WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:**

[NC Data Submission Dispenser Guide 1.0.pdf \(apprisshealth.com\)](#)

**WHEN DO YOU NEED TO USE THE SYSTEM?**

Prior to dispensing a target control substance, the dispenser must query the patient's-controlled substance history and document any of the following circumstances:

1. The dispenser has reasonable belief that the ultimate user may be seeking a targeted controlled substance for any reason other than the treatment of the ultimate user's existing medical conditions.
2. The prescriber is located outside of the usual demographic area served by the dispenser.
3. The ultimate user resides outside of the usual geographical area served by the dispenser.
4. The ultimate user pays for the prescription with cash when the patient has prescription insurance on file with the dispenser.
5. The ultimate user demonstrates potential misuse of a controlled substance by any one or more of the following:
  1. Over-utilization of the controlled substance.
  2. Requests for early refills.
  3. Utilization of multiple prescribers.
  4. An appearance of being overly sedated or intoxicated upon presenting a prescription.
  5. A request by an unfamiliar ultimate user for an opioid drug by a specific name, street name, color, or identifying marks.

## **WHAT IS THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ROLE?**

The CSRS Team will assist prescribers and dispensers in the integration process to be able to access the CSRS through the already established organizations Electronic Health Record System or Pharmacy Management System, they will provide technical assistance on the operation of the system and utilizing the system as a clinical tool, and will provide reporting on mandatory use to the respective licensing boards. No enforcement of Mandatory Usage is provided by NCDHHS, only audits.

For technical assistance on how to use the CSRS as a clinical tool, please email [CSRS.Utilization@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:CSRS.Utilization@dhhs.nc.gov).

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This information can be found in General Assembly of North Carolina, House Bill 243 §90-113.74C and D

[https://www.ncleg.gov/enactedlegislation/statutes/html/bysection/chapter\\_90/gs\\_90-113.74c.html](https://www.ncleg.gov/enactedlegislation/statutes/html/bysection/chapter_90/gs_90-113.74c.html)

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