



EPCS Provider On-Boarding Manual

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EPCS Identity Proofing Checklist

Items marked with a * are required, while the other items are recommended, optional or only necessary for specific circumstances.

- 1. Hard and/or soft EPCS token (recommended to have at least two tokens) *
 - a. Hard token: Keychain device provided by DrFirst
 - Soft token: VIP Access by Symantec can be downloaded on a mobile phone, tablet or computer from this link https://vip.symantec.com/
- Social Security Number*
- 3. DEA number and state- DO NOT use a Narcotics Addiction DEA Number (NADEAN)*
- 4. You will have to create a passphrase that is a minimum of 8 characters with at least one capital letter, one lowercase letter, and a number during the enrollment process*
 - a. A passphrase is necessary for the two-factor authentication step required for sending controlled substance prescriptions
 - b. It is **HIGHLY** recommended you write down the passphrase to save in a secure location
- 5. You will have to create a security question and answer (necessary for resetting your passphrase)*
 - a. Example: Mother's maiden name or make/model of your first car
 - b. Security answers are case sensitive so please note down your security question and answer exactly as you entered it
- 6. Valid personal phone number (mobile or residential—must be associated with home address)

Please Note: It is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** that you enter a mobile phone number so if it can be validated, you may receive your transaction ID instantly by SMS text message. Alternatively, you will receive a letter via USPS mail (takes approximately 5-6 business days).

7. First eight digits of a personal credit card (VISA or MasterCard) – no business or debit cards. This information is **NOT MANDATORY** and can be omitted

Considerations Before Starting Enrollment

- 8. If you completed EPCS credentialing previously please skip to Page 21.
- 9. If you have a security freeze in place for your Experian credit account, you MUST remove it before starting enrollment.

Please Note: IDP cannot be passed if there is a security freeze on your Experian credit account.

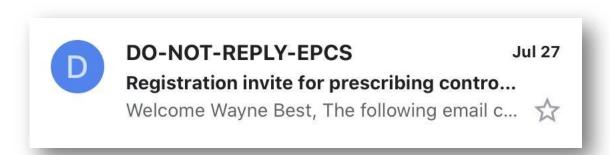
- a. Instructions on how to remove a security freeze can be found at www.experian.com under "Credit Support".
- 10. In order to review the information that Experian has on record, you can obtain a Free Experian credit report from www.annualcreditreport.com. If any discrepancies are noted, please contact Experian on the number in the report to resolve them.
 - a. Identity proofing questions are formulated based upon credit history. This includes but is not limited to questions about home/auto loans, bank accounts, places of residency, etc. Having a credit report available can assist in answering these questions.

EPCS Enrollment Steps

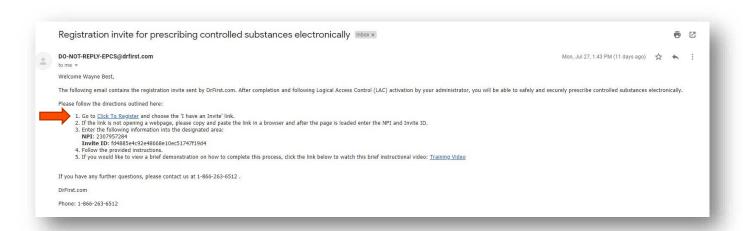
Every EPCS provider will receive an invite from DrFirst (DO-NOT-REPLY-EPCS@epcsdrfirst.com).

The provider must follow the instructions in this email in order to complete EPCS enrollment process, which includes the IDP Process (Identity Proofing) and activating token devices. If you are unable to find the email, please check your junk/spam folder.

Please Note: Do not begin without at least one EPCS token. Even if you complete the IDP process, you cannot complete the last step without your token present.



1. Upon opening the email, click the **Click To Register** hyperlink on step 1 of the email. The invite email contains an **Invite ID**. Please save this email with the **Invite ID** in case you are unable to complete the process and have to re-access this information later.



2. This link will take you to a page where your **NPI** # and **Invite ID** will be pre-populated in the **I have** an **Invite** box in the lower right hand corner of the page. Please confirm that these fields are correct, and click the orange **Proceed** button.



3. The next step will be to accept the **Terms of Use and Conditions** by selecting the individual gray checkboxes and clicking the **I Agree** button in the bottom right corner.





Agreement for EPCS Gold Services

TERMS OF USE AND CONDITIONS

- 1 agree to retain sole possession of the OTP token, and will not share the login passphrase with any other person or allow any other person to use the OTP token or login passphrase in order to sign controlled substance prescriptions.
- I Lunderstand that any failure to secure the OTP token or login passphrase, or any sharing of the OTP token or login passphrase with any other person, may result in the revocation or suspension of my use and access of EPCS Gold.
- 1 agree that if using a hard token or software token application on a mobile device to generate a one-time-password for the two factor authentication process, the hard token or software token application on the mobile device must be separate from the device that I use to issue any electronic prescription for a controlled substance.
 - I agree to notify the DEA, the persons in my organization designated to set logical access controls to the EPCS application, and , my electronic prescription application or EHRZEMR vendor within one (1) business day upon discovery if one or more controlled substance prescriptions issued using my DEA number were not consistent with the prescriptions is signed, or were not agreed at all.
 - I agree to notify the persons in my organization designated to set logical access controls to the EPCS application and to notify my electronic prescribing or EHR/EMR vendor within one (1) business day of discovery if.
 - I am contacted by a pharmacy because one or more of my controlled substance prescriptions are displaying the incorrect DEA number.
 - It appears that any of the functions of the electronic prescription application are functioning improperly.
 - My OTP taken is lost, stoken, or the authentication protocol has been compromised in any way.
 - I determine there is any other potential security problem not described above.
 - I understand that in the event of misuse, I am responsible for any controlled substance prescriptions written using my two-factor authentication credential if I do not alert my electronic prescription application or EHR/EMR vendor as required in the provision above, and that I am responsible for any prescription information entered by an agent at my direction upon signing and authorizing the transmission of an electronic prescription for a controlled substantial provision.
 - I agree to promptly install all application updates of which I am made aware.
 - Lunderstand that the same responsibilities that apply to me when issuing paper or oral prescriptions also apply to me when issuing electronic prescriptions for controlled substances.
 - I agree to prescribe controlled substances only for legismate medical purposes
 - ✓ DrFirst may update these Terms of Use at any time upon providing notice to you.
 - The following Terms apply regardless of how you access and your use of the prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) data made available to you through your state, a third-party provider, or Diffirst.
 - I agree that I am a licensed medical professional authorized to access POMP data (all such data referred to as "POMP Data") and shall only access or use POMP Data in accordance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations, and that I am solely responsible for ensuring my access of the POMP is authorized by the state in which I practice.
 - I agree to provide proof of my state issued authorization of accessing PDMP Data, if such authorization is required by applicable law.
 - I have received all applicable consents or authorizations from current patients to access and/or use the POMP Deta
 - Lagree to access and use PDMP Data solely for health care-related decision making related to a patient in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations.
 - I shall not engage in unfaseful, objectionable, or malicious conduct or activities in accessing PDMP Data, including but not limited to, the transmission or distribution of viruses, computer worms. Trojan horses, malicious code, denial of service attacks, unsolicited commercial e-mail, the unsulthorized entry to any other machine accessible via any platform, the unauthorized submission or transmission of data or material protected by a proprietary right of a third party, or the submission of otherwise objectionable information, material, or communications.
 - I agree that I will not decompile, disassemble, deconstruct, or reverse-engineer any PDMP Data that is retrieved through PDMP Access.
 - I agree not to sublicense, transfer, self, disclose, export or otherwise permit access to or use of POMP Data acquired through the software.
 - To the extent that PDMP Data is access through APPRISS, I represent and warrant that I am not currently under formal investigation, indictment, or prosecution and have not been convicted, disciplined, or sanctioned within the preceding five (5) years by any governmental entity or self-regulation program for violation of any government laws or regulations under or related to health care, drugs, or criminal acts.
 - I hereby agree to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend DrFinst, the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, and Appriss, Inc. ("APPRISS"), and each of their respective officers, directions, employees, members, contractors, and affisites from and against any losses, liabelities, costs of including reasonable attorneys fees), or damages resulting from any third party claim in which any above-named party is named as a result of my account our sold the PDMD data.
 - I acknowledge that to the extent that APPRISS is the source of the PDMP data, APPRISS and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy shall be third-party beneficiaries to these terms.
 - To the extent that the CURES network is the source of the POMP Data, I agree that it shall be my responsibility to verify through the CURES portal that my CURES account profile is current, which shall include, at a minimum, completion of the annual update, and that I possess an active CURES account, I acknowledge that the failure to complete the annual update or maintains an active CURES account shallows will result in rejection of the quefection of the quefeting the quefeting the quefeting the quefeting the quefeting the quefet quefeting the quefet quefeting the quef
 - For access to Washington State PDMP Data, I agree and acknowledge that I am required to have an account with OneHealthPort and retain full responsibility for maintaining an account with OneHealthPort and for any associated costs or fees.
- By clicking this box, you acknowledge and understand that you are subject to these terms of use and all applicable federal and state laws governing the electronic prescribing of controlled substances and applicable federal and state laws and regulations governing access and use of prescription drug monitoring program data.

PLEASE CHECK ALL CHECK BOXES AND CLICK THE AGREE BUTTON BELOW TO SIGNIFY THAT YOU HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE TERMS OF USE.





4. The next screen will present a temporary password. This allows you to resume the IDP session if you exit for any reason and should be recorded before proceeding.

Please Note: This temporary password can only be used if IDP has been passed and you have yet to bind a token. If the IDP session needs to be exited and completed later, this password can be used to access the session within 24 hours. To use this password, click on the original invite link and enter the password.



- 5. The next screen lists some pre-requisites of the IDP process:
 - a. **Token**: At least one hard or soft token is necessary to proceed.
 - b. **Personal credit card**: This is NOT MANDATORY and can be omitted. If you are having a hard time passing IDP, entering this information may help you pass.



6. Then, accept the InfinID Application Terms of Use.



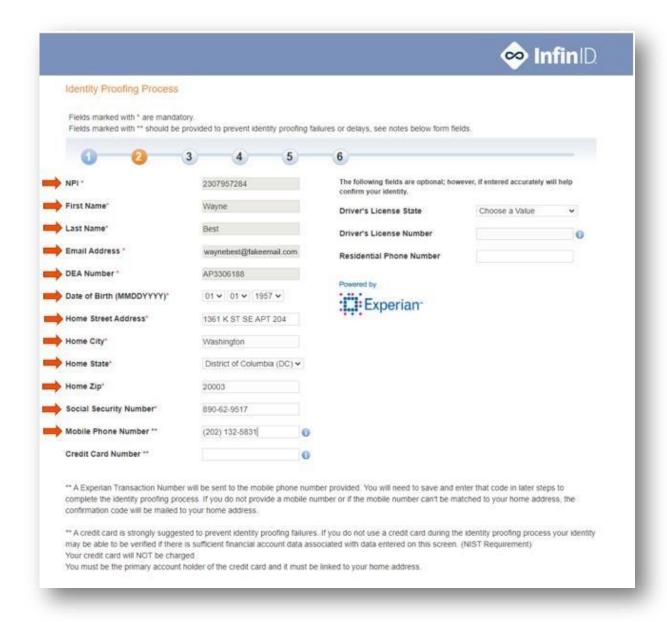
7. Complete the **User Registration** form and verify that the pre-populated fields are correct. Here are some tips and notes on the fields within this forms:

Required

- **NPI**: This will be pre-populated.
- First / Last Name: These fields will be pre-populated.
- E-mail Address: Must match the email where you received the EPCS invite.
- **DEA Number**: When entering your DEA number, please use all capital letters. For example, AA1234567 and not aa1234567. Please enter your primary DEA number, not a specialty DEA or DEA for prescribing addiction medications.
- **Date of Birth**: Please click on the calendar icon and select your birth year followed by the month and then day. This will make ensure formatting is correct.
- **Home Address** fields: Please enter the address related to your financial records. This is typically a home address. Please do not input any special characters within the address field.
- Social Security Number: Personal SSN number.
- Mobile Phone Number: While this is not required, if you enter a mobile phone number that
 Experian can validate, you will receive a text message with a confirmation code instead of a
 physical letter. This greatly speeds up the IDP process.

Optional

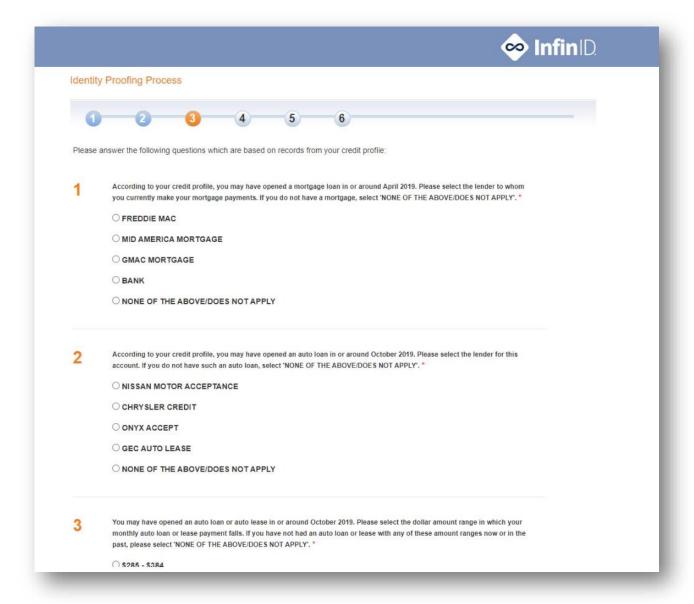
- **Credit Card Number**: While this is not required, this can increase your chances of passing IDP if you fail the first time. Please enter a personal credit card that is either a VISA or MasterCard. You will <u>NOT</u> be charged; Experian requires only the first 8 digits.
- **Driver's License State, Driver's License #, and Residential Phone Number** are not required. If you enter your Driver's License #, please put the class of the license at the end of the number.



Please Note: The orange arrows indicate all the fields that need to be completed and verified for accuracy.

8. You will then be required to answer 3-4 security questions pertaining to your financial history

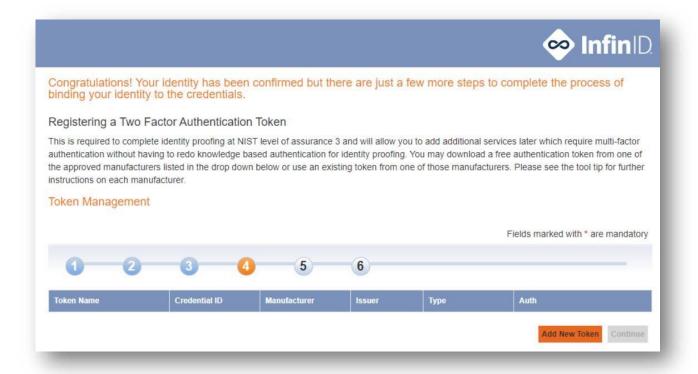
Please Note: If you are not presented with IDP questions, this could be due to a number of different factors. This includes but is not limited to a security freeze on your accounts. Instead of these questions, you will see a message that informs you of unsuccessful identity proofing.



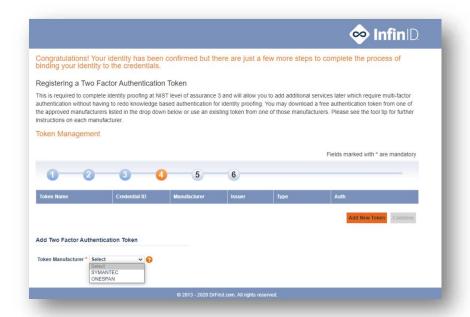
 Based on the answers to the questions presented, combined with the initial information entered by you on the **User Registration** screen, Experian will determine whether or not you have successfully passed IDP. If you fail IDP, you must start the IDP process over.

Please Note: If you fail three times, this will lock your account. You cannot attempt IDP again for a full 24 hours.

10. Once IDP has been completed successfully, you will receive a confirmation on the next screen that your identity has been successfully confirmed and will be prompted to add a token, click the orange Add New Token button. It is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED that you add at least TWO tokens, in case one is lost or inaccessible. If you cannot attach two tokens at this step, you can always add one token during the process and add another token at a later time from the EPCS Dashboard. You can have up to 5 tokens for your account.



11. Select the manufacturer from the **Token Manufacturer** drop-down menu.





a. Select SYMANTEC if:

- i. You are using a soft token (VIP Access App on mobile phone/tablet/computer)
- ii. You are using a keychain hard token that has the Symantec name and logo on the face of the token.



b. Select ONESPAN if:

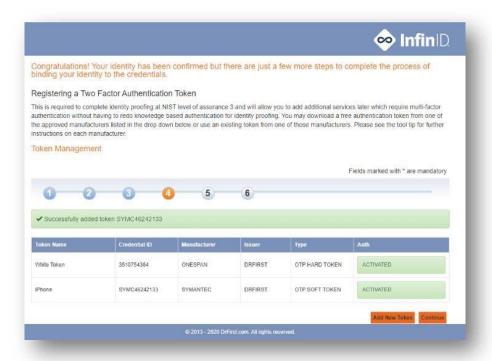
i. You are using a keychain hard token that has the OneSpan name and logo on the face of the token.

- 12. Complete the rest of the fields with the following listed information to be entered per token:
 - a. Token Issuer: DrFirst
 - b. Token Type: OTP HARD TOKEN (key fob) or OTP SOFT TOKEN (VIP Access app)
 - c. Token Name: Nickname for the token to help identify it (Ex. "iPhone token", "key fob", etc.).
 - d. Serial Number or Credential ID (include preceding letters):
 - i. If using a **Symantec HARD token** (keyfob): enter the Serial Number (S/N) on the back of the token without any spaces.
 - ii. If using a **OneSpan HARD token**(keyfob): enter the Serial Number (S/N), which is the long string of numbers on the back of the token without any dashes.
 - iii. If using the **Symantec VIP Access app** SOFT token: enter the Credential ID that appears at the top of the screen without any spaces.
 - e. One Time Passcode (OTP): The number generated on the hard token or the "Security Code" from the VIP Access app.



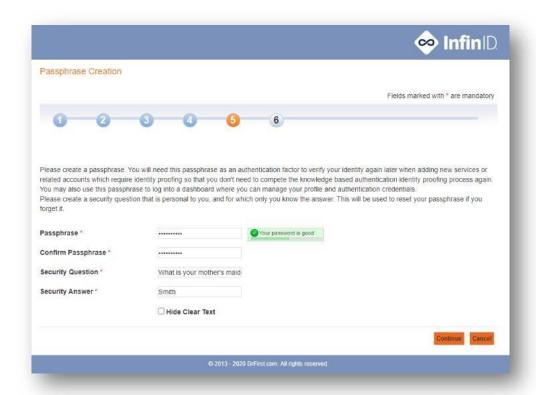
Please Note: Your screen may look like either of these images depending on which token was selected.

13. Once all of the required fields have been entered, click the **Save New Token** button. Upon successfully registering a token, a green success message will appear on the screen. You may save additional tokens or click **Continue** to proceed.



- 14. Next, a passphrase, security question, and security answer must be created for the account. This passphrase is a password that will be used to prescribe controlled substances. The security question and answer will be necessary if you ever have to reset your passphrase.
 - a. The passphrase must be at least 8 characters long, be mixed case, and contain at least one number—avoid special characters.
 - b. A security question and security answer (case sensitive) will need to be entered as well. Since it is case sensitive, the security answer has to be remembered exactly as it was entered. This will be used in the event the passphrase is forgotten.

Please Note: We strongly recommend that the passphrase and security question/answer are written down to be stored in a secure location. DrFirst cannot reset a passphrase. The passphrase can only be reset by correctly answering your security question. In the event that the passphrase is forgotten and cannot be reset, your account will be DISABLED, and you will be required to complete IDP again from the beginning.



. After entering the **Passphrase, Security Question, and Security Answer**, click Continue to move forward.

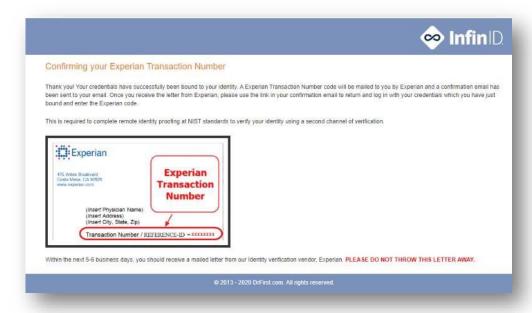
16. Once the Identity Proofing and registration steps have been completed, the next screen displays information in regards to the **Experian Transaction Number.** This step must be completed in order to finalize your EPCS credentialing. You will receive either a letter by USPS mail or an SMS text message with the Experian Transaction number. The workflow for each is as follows:



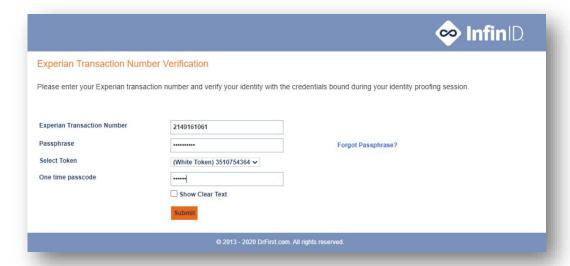
Please Note: If you must navigate away from this screen, it is safe to do so at this time. Experian sends an email congratulating you on completing identity proofing. Within this email is a link to enter the transaction number later. **PLEASE DO NOT DELETE THIS EMAIL.**



a. **SMS Text Message:** If you entered a mobile phone that was successfully validated by Experian, the Experian Transaction Number will arrive immediately via SMS text message. Enter the **Experian Transaction Number** and click **Verify Code**.



- b. **USPS Mail:** If a mobile phone number was not entered or if Experian is unable to validate the mobile number, Experian will send a letter via USPS mail containing the number that typically arrives in 5-6 business days.
 - i. Once the letter arrives, you should access the IDP confirmation email and click the link in step 2 (see image above) to enter the **Experian Transaction Number**.
 - **ii.** Enter the Experian Transaction Number, passphrase, and pin from your selected token. Then, click the **Submit** button to complete.

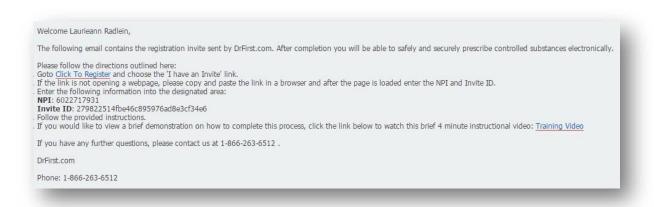


Re-Authentication

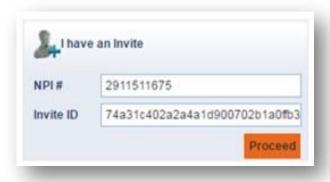
If you are already an active EPCS prescriber and are on-boarding for EPCS at another organization, your account can be re-authenticated by leveraging your existing credentials. This prevents you from having to complete the IDP process for each organization you are in.

Once you have been invited for the new organization, please follow the steps below.

1. Once you receive the invite from DrFirst, click the **Click To Register** link within the email. If you are unable to find the email, please check your junk/spam folder.

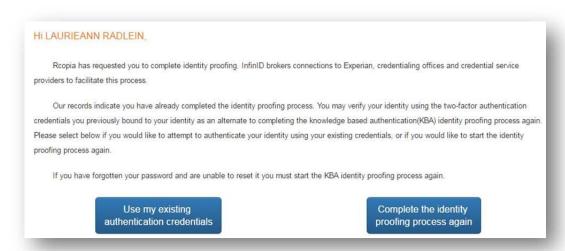


2. Within the I have an invite section, click the orange Proceed button.



3. Next, accept the Terms of Use and Conditions.

4. You will then be prompted to re-authenticate yourself by leveraging your existing credentials. Make sure to choose the Use my existing authentication credentials option to prevent having to complete identity proofing again from the beginning.



5. Finally, you will enter your existing passphrase, choose a token, enter the one-time pin (OTP), and click the **Submit** button.



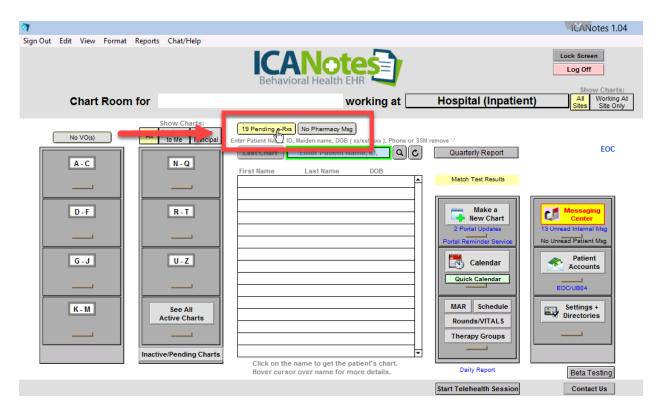
At this point in time, enrollment at the new organization is complete. However, you will need to work with an administrator to have your EPCS account activated by completing Logical Access Control (LAC) before you can begin e-prescribing controlled substances for this additional organization.

EPCS Logical Access Control (LAC)

Through the Rcopia application, the designated practice administrator must authorize a provider for EPCS and change the provider's grant status to active. In order to successfully complete this step, the designated administrator and the provider should be at the computer together because the provider will need to enter in their passphrase and token information.

Please Note: An administrator should have been designated during implementation, but if you are unsure of who the practice administrator is, would like to add a new individual as an administrator or if the administrator needs their username/password reset, please call the ICANotes Support Team at 443-569-8778 during business hours (Monday – Thursday, 8:30 EDT – 7:30 EDT & Friday 9 EDT – 6:30 EDT).

1. The designated practice administrator must log in to their ICANotes account and access DrFirst using either the Pending e-Rx or Pharmacy Msg buttons in the Chart Room.



2. Upon accessing DrFirst, navigate to the hover menu at the top left of the screen and select **Utilities**.



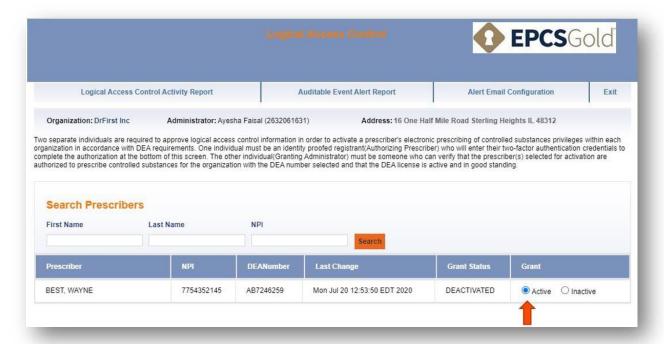
3. Click on Logical Access Control (LAC).

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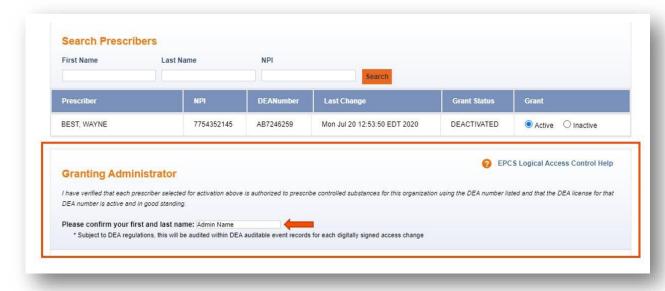
4. This link will launch the administrator into the Logical Access Control (LAC) screen. This screen will list only providers who are enrolled, meaning that they have completed the IDP process with Experian, activated their token(s), and entered their Experian Transaction Number. Any providers with an **Inactive** grant will be listed first.

Please Note: This screen will display no more than 50 providers, so if the administrator cannot find the provider to activate, they will search for the provider at the top of the page.

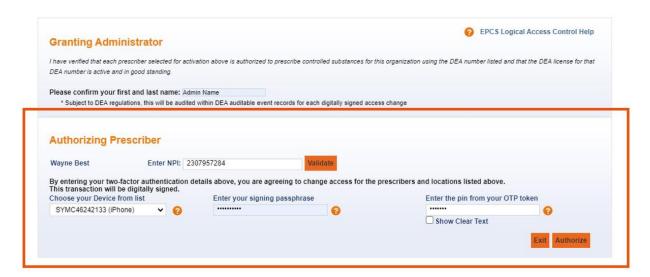
5. Next, the administrator will need to change the EPCS grant to **Active** for any providers that need authorization to electronically prescribe controlled substances. The administrator will find the provider to activate and toggle **Active** under the **Grant** column.



6. Once the administrator has changed the EPCS grant to Active, they will need to enter their (the designated practice administrator's) first and last name in proper case into the Granting Administrator section on the LAC screen. This acknowledges that the administrator confirms the provider has valid licenses. Not entering the first and last name in proper case will cause this process to fail.



- 7. Then, the provider will need to identify themselves on the LAC screen by entering in their NPI number. Normally, the practice administrator will be completing this step with the provider currently being activated. In the event that the provider is not available, the validating provider can be any provider that has an EPCS Status of **ENROLLED**. This could be the provider currently being activated, another provider within the practice, **or** a provider at any practice who is **ENROLLED** with EPCS Gold.
- 8. Finally, the provider will choose the OTP token they wish to use from the dropdown box, enter his/her passphrase, and enter the OTP from the token.



- 9. Once the fields have been fillied, the provider will click **Authorize**. This will activate their EPCS grant, and they can begin electronically prescribing controlled substances.
- 10. If necessary, it is possible for the administrator to see the history of providers that have gone through this process via the **Logical Access Control Activity Report.**



Auditable Event Alerts

Any time there is a grant status change, meaning a provider's grant status has changed from **Inactive** to **Active** or vice versa, an automatic report is generated and sent to the provider's email. Per DEA requirements, this report is sent for a provider to have for auditing purposes.

Within the Logical Access Control (LAC) screen, an administrator can view the **Auditable Event Alert Report** from the top toolbar. Additionally, the **Logical Access Control Activity Report** shows LAC activity.

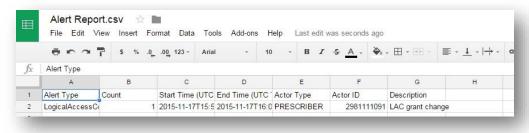
An administrator is able to add other users to receive the **Auditable Event Alert Report** by clicking on **Alert Email Configuration** and adding emails.



Below is a screenshot of the email a provider will receive.



A sample of the CSV file attached to the above email is shown below.



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Where can I check what information Experian has on file for me?

In order to check the information that Experian has on record, you can obtain a Free Experian credit report from www.annualcreditreport.com. Identity proofing questions are formulated based upon credit history. This includes but is not limited to questions about home/auto loans, bank accounts, places of residency, etc. Having a credit report available can assist in answering these questions.

What can I do if I am locked out of my account after three failed identity verification attempts within a 24 hour period?

You will have to wait 24 hours from the last time identity verification was attempted and failed. Any attempts made during the lockout period (whether it be an hour or 23 hours) will extend the time that you will have to wait. DrFirst DOES NOT have the ability to unlock your account.

What is Serial Number (S/N) and Credential ID?

- Serial Number or (S/N): the series of numbers and/or letters on the back of the hard token that is
 the unique identifier for that token. S/N refers to Serial Number—not to be confused with SSN
 which refers to your Social Security Number and will only have to be entered in the User
 Information page.
- Credential ID: is the series of letters and numbers (might start with "SYMC") that appears at the
 top of screen when you open the soft token VIP Access app. It is a unique identifier for your soft
 token every time it is downloaded. So, if you delete the app and redownload it, you will have to
 attach another token.

What happens if I forget my passphrase and cannot answer my security question?

In the event that the passphrase is forgotten and cannot be reset, your account will be DISABLED, and you will be required to complete EPCS onboarding again. We strongly recommend that the passphrase and security question / answer are written down to be stored in a secure location. DrFirst cannot reset a passphrase. The passphrase can only be reset by correctly answering your security question.

Can I complete Identity Proofing if I have a Security Freeze on my account?

If you have a security freeze in place for your credit accounts, you MUST remove them before starting enrollment by contacting Experian. Instructions on how to remove freezes/alerts can be found at www.experian.com under "Credit Support".

What are some factors that result in failed Identity Proofing?

There are several factors that can hinder your ability to successfully complete Identity Proofing, these include but is not limited to the following:

- Security Freeze
- Fraud Alert
- Inability to answer security questions accurately
- Personal information entered does match what Experian has on file

Resources

Support is available for DrFirst On-Boarding from Monday through Thursday, 8:30am – 7:30pm EDT and Friday 9:00am – 6:30pm EDT. If you are failing the identity proofing process or need further assistance, please call the ICANotes Support Team at 443-569-8778.

- <u>ePrescribing with DrFirst Video Tutorial</u>
- ePrescribing in ICANotes Guide
- Schedule a Training