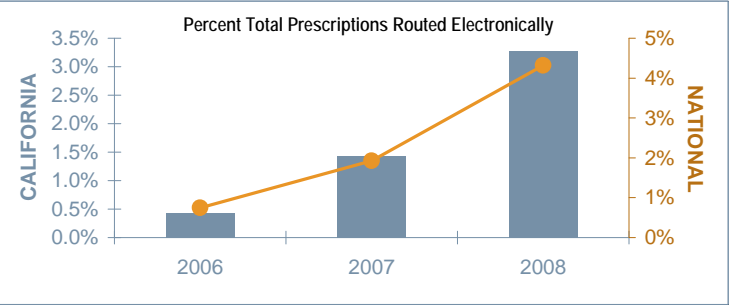


Data as of December 31, 2008

Introduction: This sheet summarizes state progress with electronic prescribing use and adoption. The data contained in this report is based on data compiled by Surescripts®. The Surescripts network is the backbone that facilitates e-prescribing – a proven process that reduces healthcare costs, improves patient safety and increases systemic efficiency. By electronically connecting thousands of prescribers, pharmacists, payers and software vendors in the country's largest standards-based e-prescribing network, Surescripts is able to provide a detailed analysis of e-prescribing in the United States.

Immediately below is a reference to your state's Safe-Rx™ ranking. The ranking for 2008 (as with years 2006 and 2007) is based on the state's use of prescription routing. Prescription routing is one of three key measures that make up "meaningful use" of e-prescribing (see "Meaningful Use of E-Prescribing Defined" below). At the end of 2009, Surescripts will add the use of prescription benefit information and prescription history to the calculation of state Safe-Rx rankings. The ranking shown below for prescription benefit use illustrates this future direction.

SAFE-RX™ INFORMATION ¹	2006	2007	2008
Safe-Rx State Ranking	18	22	28
% of Total Prescriptions Routed Electronically	0.43%	1.44%	3.28%



In addition to statistics detailing each state's use of e-prescribing, this progress report measures e-prescribing adoption by prescribers, payers and pharmacies (see "Part 2: Adoption Metrics"). While not a direct measure of actual e-prescribing use, providing adoption data allows each state's policymakers and healthcare leaders to track, understand and, in many cases, influence the metrics that ultimately drive their state's meaningful use of e-prescribing. In addition to statistics on adoption, the progress report provides each state with an indication of how it compares to other states.

Throughout this report, state-based statistics in graph images are shown in comparison to national trends for the years 2006 - 2008.

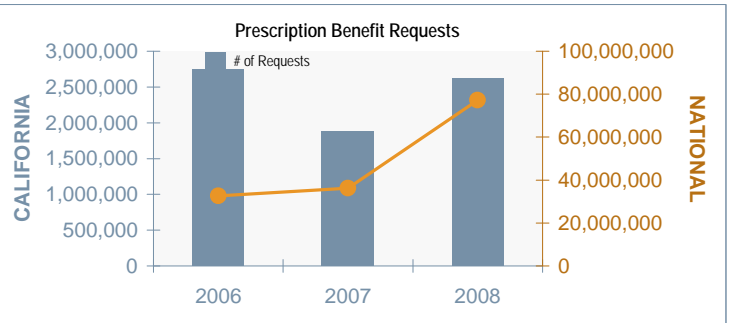
MEANINGFUL USE OF E-PRESCRIBING DEFINED:

Electronic prescribing includes the following three critical steps:

- PRESCRIPTION BENEFIT:** The ability to electronically access a patient's prescription benefit from payers/PBMs.
- PRESCRIPTION HISTORY:** With a patient's consent, the ability to electronically access that patient's prescription history from payers and community pharmacies.
- PRESCRIPTION ROUTING:** The ability to electronically route the prescription to the patient's choice of pharmacy. When the patient runs out of refills his or her pharmacist can electronically send a renewal request to the physician's office for review and approval.

PART 1: USE METRICS

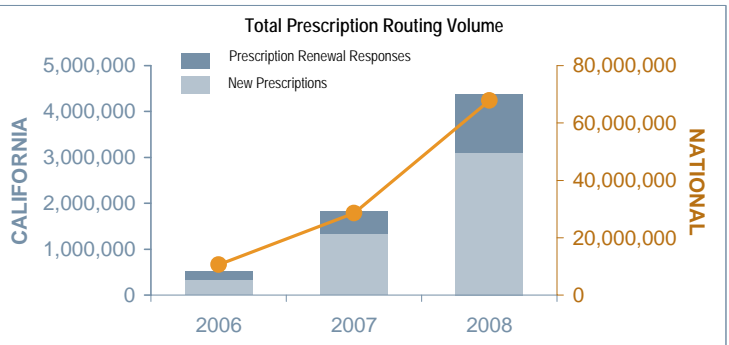
PRESCRIPTION BENEFIT	2006	2007	2008
% of Patient Visits w. a Prescription Benefit Request	3.07%	2.10%	2.93%
% of Patient Visits w. a Prescription Benefit Response	0.48%	0.50%	1.37%
State Ranking – 2008			45
Prescription Benefit Requests	2,744,069	1,873,571	2,621,866
Response Rate at Year-End	19.27%	33.29%	56.77%
Annual Growth in Prescription Benefit Requests	-	-32%	40%



PRESCRIPTION HISTORY

% of Patient Visits w. Delivered Prescription History	Specific state-level information regarding prescription history requests and prescription history coverage is not available at this time but will be in the future.
Prescription Histories Delivered	

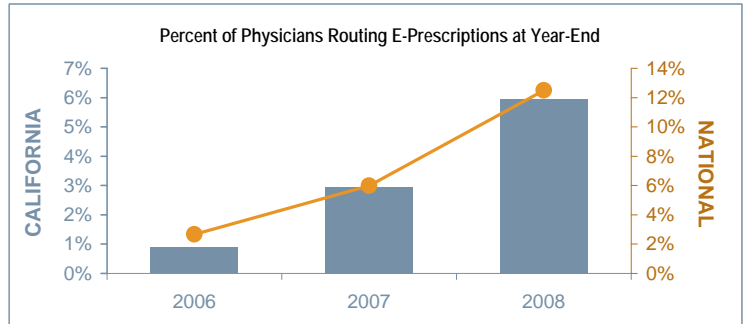
PRESCRIPTION ROUTING	2006	2007	2008
% of Total Prescriptions Routed Electronically	0.43%	1.44%	3.28%
Safe-Rx State Ranking	18	22	28
New Prescriptions	332,656	1,337,228	3,097,766
Prescription Renewal Responses	194,024	498,453	1,273,179
Prescription Renewal Response Rate	89%	87%	87%
Total Prescription Routing Volume	526,680	1,835,681	4,370,945
Annual Growth in Prescription Routing	-	249%	138%



PART 2: ADOPTION METRICS

PHYSICIAN DATA ²	2006	2007	2008
% of Physicians Routing E-Prescriptions at Year End	0.88%	2.94%	5.94%
State Ranking – 2008 ⁴			45
Physicians Routing E-Prescriptions at Year-End	543	1,811	3,656
Annual Growth in E-Prescribing Physicians	-	233%	102%

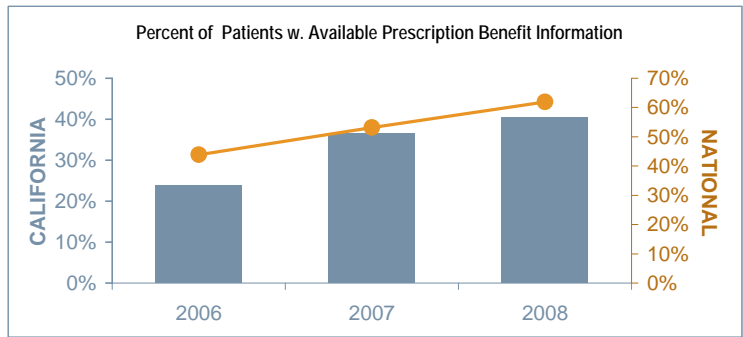
[Click here to search for prescribers that e-prescribe in your area](#)



Surescripts Solution Providers ³ operating in state as of December 31, 2008:	Allscripts-Misys EMR, Axolotl Elysium, DAW ScriptSure, DrFirst Rcopia, OA Systems RxCure, RxNT, SSIMED EMRge, Waiting Room Solutions Web Based EMR, Zix PocketScript
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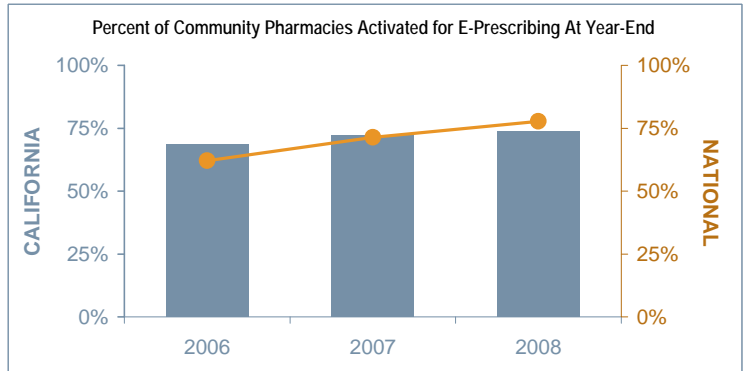
PAYER DATA	2006	2007	2008
% of Patients w. Avail. Prescription Benefit Information	23.83%	36.53%	40.36%
State Ranking - 2008 ⁴			48

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PHARMACY DATA ⁵	2006	2007	2008
% of Total Community Pharmacies in State Activated for E-Prescribing	68.72%	72.01%	73.74%
State Ranking - 2008 ⁴			34
Community Pharmacies Capable of Routing E-Prescriptions at Year-End	3,584	3,919	4,175
Annual Growth in E-Prescribing Community Pharmacies	-	9%	7%

[Click here to search for pharmacies that manage e-prescriptions in your area](#)



ENDNOTES:

- Safe-Rx calculations are based on the total number of new prescriptions and prescription renewals electronically routed over the Surescripts network as a percentage of the total number of new prescriptions and prescription renewals eligible for electronic routing in the state, according to Wolters Kluwer Health Source[®] Pharmaceutical Audit Suite. The total number of eligible prescriptions does not include controlled substances, as they are not eligible for e-prescribing under current DEA regulations. The total number of eligible prescriptions also excludes preauthorized refills on existing prescriptions, because they do not require communication between a physician and a pharmacist.
- In addition to physicians, nurse practitioners and physician's assistants may also e-prescribe in your state. For a list of e-prescribers in your area, visit www.surescripts.com.
- Solution Providers are defined as electronic prescribing applications that have been certified to access all three core e-prescribing services: Prescription Benefit, Prescription History, Prescription Routing. For the most up-to-date list of Surescripts Solution Providers, visit www.surescripts.com/certified.
- These state ranking adoption metrics are presented for illustrative purposes only and will not be used to calculate future Safe-Rx rankings.
- Pharmacy calculations use NCPDP-supplied data to determine total numbers of community pharmacies in each state

