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RE: Statewide integration with MAPS

Dear Hospital Administrator:

I am writing to ask you to join us in the battle against the opioid epidemic, which is now taking more lives in our state than car accidents every year. We are asking that you integrate your electronic health records (EHR) and pharmacy management systems with the new Michigan Automated Prescription System (MAPS).

The new MAPS launched on April 4, 2017 based on Gov. Rick Snyder's Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force recommendation to update and replace the aging platform. Upgrades to the new system have reduced record lookups to mere seconds while providing real-time prescription monitoring and interstate data sharing. The new MAPS places Michigan at the forefront of prescription drug monitoring technology.

In June, I announced that the state would cover the cost for its vendor, Apriss Health, to integrate the EHR and pharmacy systems used by hospitals, physician offices and pharmacies – thanks to \$1.8 million remaining in state appropriations for MAPS and a \$373,000 federal grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. Facilities integrating early would also benefit by having any ongoing licensing fees for the integration covered by the state through August 31, 2019.

Additionally, since the full replacement and implementation of statewide integrations, a new software tool called NarxCare was added to MAPS on December 4, 2017 which further enhances the program to help clinicians make better and more informed decisions prior to prescribing and dispensing schedule 2-5 controlled substances. MAPS has become a robust tool that can be used for prevention and better identifying possible substance use disorder or drug diversion.

These efforts have all been done in preparation for the new law that I signed in December, requiring prescribers to register and check MAPS before prescribing or dispensing a schedule 2-5 controlled substance to a patient in a quantity that exceeds a 3-day supply. This new law, Public Act 248 of 2017 is effective June 1, 2018.

As the chair of the Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force, I had the privilege of working alongside numerous talented and knowledgeable legislators, health professionals and state administrators. I'm proud of the progress we have made and am optimistic about our ability to overcome this epidemic in Michigan.

Here's where we need your help. Integration with the new MAPS will contribute to our collective efforts to combat the opioid epidemic. It will put MAPS right into the clinical workflow for the providers and allow for direct access of patient reports from MAPS into the EHR so the clinician will not have to log in

and out of two separate systems. The clinician can easily meet the new requirements of being registered and using MAPS prior to prescribing or dispensing for more than a 3-day supply of schedule 2-5 controlled substances at the time of seeing the patient.

The integration process is simple. It requires the following:

- Completion of a one-page [“Software Integration Request”](#) form; and
- Signing the state’s [“Terms and Conditions”](#).

Once these two documents are completed, the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) will connect you to Appriss Health who will work with the primary point of contact for your health system and your EHR vendor to walk through the integration process. All the information about starting the integration process today can be found under “Software Integration Resources” at [michigan.gov/mimapsinfo](http://michigan.gov/mimapsinfo).

The opioid epidemic is a public health emergency and needs to be treated as one. It doesn’t discriminate based on geography or economic status and has affected us all in some capacity. It’s going to take a collection of prevention and treatment strategies to provide the best possible care for Michigan residents suffering from this epidemic.

MAPS is now a preventative technology platform that equips our health professionals and health systems with essential real-time data to help make informed clinical decisions. Integration with the new MAPS is vital in our continued efforts to save more lives.

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to helping your facility integrate with MAPS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Calley".

Brian Calley  
Lt. Governor