



**TO:** Macomb County CMH Direct Operated Providers  
Macomb County CMH Contract Outpatient Psychiatric Services Providers

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**RE:** Prescribing Agent E-Rx State Requirement

**DATE:** November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

As per Public Act 134 Sec 1774a signed by our State Governor in July of 2020, it was mandated that all controlled and non-controlled prescribed medications must be electronically sent to a pharmacy according to HIPAA requirements effective January 1, 2022. To remain compliant MCCMH will follow LARA requirements as delineated in the LARA Release attached to this memo.

All prescriptions sent to pharmacy electronically may also include urgent or emergent verbal orders from licensed provider to any RN. As a result, to guarantee absolute compliance with this mandate, MCCMH is requiring all licensed prescribers who use FOCUS **and** who choose to benefit from verbal orders given to nursing staff must assign a RN or RNs as Prescribing Agent Designee/s in FOCUS (Refer to Prescriber Agent How -To Guide attached).

All selected prescribing agents will have to be approved in the FOCUS system by the Chief Medical Director's Office and the MCCMH Nursing Administrator. Given these approvals entail processing time, Network Providers whose prescribers use FOCUS must submit without exemption by no later than December 10th, 2021 the below to the attention of Jeffrey Clark RN, MCCMH RN Administrator (Jeffrey.clark@mccmh.net):

- Location of Service
- Name of the Prescriber
- Nurse's Name (prescribing agent)
- Nurse's NPI #
- Nurse's FOCUS Numeric ID#

Failure to submit the requested documentation by the established deadline will result in providers not being able to utilize verbal orders with nursing staff. For those who find this practice helpful, it is very important you follow the instructions as provided so that your current practice is maintained without interruptions.

Please contact jeffrey.clark@mccmh.net if you have any questions.

