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Dear Pharmacist in Charge,

In August, you should have received a letter from Steven D. Davis, Inspector General for the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) announcing that RelayHealth will be the exclusive vendor managing data collection for the Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting (KASPER) system. As you are aware, KRS 218A.202 and 902 KAR 55:110 set forth the requirements for reporting Schedule II-V controlled substance prescriptions dispensed in Kentucky to the KASPER system.

As the letter indicated, CHFS plans to convert all Kentucky dispensers to the new data collection system in late 2007. During August and September, we completed a beta test with a limited number of pharmacies. October and November will be the production transition phase in which RelayHealth will work with CHFS and members of the Kentucky pharmacy community to set up all dispensers on RelayHealth's KASPER data collection system. During this period, CHFS will collect data through **both** RelayHealth and current vendor Atlantic Associates, to ensure data is being collected properly with no data loss.

RelayHealth is working to minimize workflow disruptions at pharmacies, and will continue to support batch submission using the same ASAP 1995 record format as current batch KASPER reporting. However, RelayHealth is also offering an entirely new reporting approach that, if you choose, **will eliminate your need to generate and submit batch files** to meet KASPER reporting requirements.

The new data collection process will be based upon the claims switching capabilities of RelayHealth (formerly NDCHealth / Per-Se). RelayHealth is the largest pharmacy claims switching vendor in the country — it is very likely your claims already go through their network, and you may also use their pre- and post-editing (PPE) services. If RelayHealth is your claims switching vendor, they will (with your authorization) **automatically** extract your controlled substance prescription reporting information from transactions that you send to their network as part of your regular adjudication process. They will then submit that information daily to Kentucky on your behalf, and provide you with a submission recap report each month for your audit records.

When your pharmacy begins to report to RelayHealth, you will **still** need to continue reporting to Atlantic Associates as you do now. CHFS will notify all dispensers when the production transition phase is ending, at which time you will be able to discontinue reporting to Atlantic Associates and report solely to RelayHealth. This dual submission period is scheduled to last approximately 2 months.

CHFS has approved and is encouraging use of the automatic network extract approach, so you can be in KASPER reporting compliance with no additional work – no weekly batch files – and at no extra cost to you.

Another benefit to this new automatic network extract approach is that information supplied through this method will be available in the KASPER system as early as the next day after dispensing; much faster than with the current batch approach. More timely data availability increases the value of KASPER reports as an intervention tool to improve the quality of healthcare, and as a tool to help reduce diversion of controlled substances. While you are reduce your pharmacy's workload, you are also helping us improve patient and public safety in Kentucky.

We look forward to a smooth transition to the new data collection system. Depending on your business setting, your pharmacy management system vendor, chain system support team, or RelayHealth will be contacting you very soon to:

- describe the available RelayHealth reporting options in more detail and assist you in choosing the best option for your business,
- help you register with RelayHealth to submit data (regardless of the reporting option you choose), and
- set up your system to begin submitting to RelayHealth.

A copy of RelayHealth's registration form is attached. If you have not already done so, please complete this as soon as possible and return it to RelayHealth as indicated on the form. Once your completed form is received, RelayHealth will notify you and provide further instructions on the next steps to begin submitting data to them.

Note. *If your facility is part of a chain system, your chain may register your facility for you. Please contact your chain system support team regarding their approach.*

If you have questions or would like to speak with RelayHealth about the form or about the controlled substance reporting solution for Kentucky pharmacies, please call 800.892.0333. Thank you for your continued support of the KASPER program.

Sincerely,



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