CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ORDERING SYSTEM (CSOS)

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AGENDA

- CSOS History & Overview
- Concept Of Operations
- Subscriber Roles & Responsibilities
  - Registration Enrollment
  - Certificate Management
  - Record Keeping
CSOS HISTORY & OVERVIEW
CSOS HISTORY

- DEA tasked under the Controlled Substances Act of 1970 to regulate controlled substances

- Purchasers (pharmacies and distributors) of controlled substances have historically used a controlled paper DEA Form 222 to place their orders

- Industry requested DEA provide a provision to enable electronic orders for controlled substances to integrate with their existing electronic orders for non-controlled substances
What CSOS is...

- An ordering system which allows users to place orders in a secure electronic environment

- A replacement for the DEA Paper 222 Order Form – but may be used in conjunction with the paper order form

- A **Voluntary** option for ordering Controlled Substances

- 100% funded by DEA Diversion Control Fee Account
What CSOS is...

- A PKI Technology Based Trust Framework...

That must provide the following:

- **Authentication**: must positively verify the signer
- **Nonrepudiation**: strong and substantial evidence of the sender’s identity
- **Message Integrity**: must determine whether the contents of the order have been altered in transmission
CSOS MILESTONES & CURRENT STATS
CSOS Milestones

• Initiation Phase began 1999
• Industry Pilot conducted 2002 through 2005
• Final Rule published June 2005
• CSOS launched August 2005
CURRENT RESULTS

- Over 86,000 registered DEA locations have applied to CSOS
- Over 236,000 active certificates in production
- Larger chain pharmacies have now adopted CSOS into their ordering process
CSOS Active Certificates Trending


Number of Certificates:
- 2005: 1,708
- 2007: 12,509
- 2009: 26,873
- 2011: 37,588
- 2013: 109,405
- 2015: 196,037
- 2017: 236,721

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CSOS BENEFITS
The Benefits of CSOS

- **Ordering Freedom**
  - Electronic ordering of Schedule I and II controlled substances, in addition to Schedule III-V substances
  - *Centralized* ordering from a single location for all stores within a chain
  - **No limit** on the number of line items on electronic orders
    - Paper order form is limited to ten line items per order
The Benefits of CSOS

- **Reduced Errors**
  - Paper order form requires handwritten product description
  - Electronic orders identify the product by its National Drug Code (NDC)

- **Improved Security Measures**
  - Order originator authentication through CSOS Certificate
  - Order content integrity
  - Non-repudiation of involvement by parties to a transaction
The Benefits of CSOS

- Faster Transactions
  - CSOS certificates contain the same identification information as DEA Form 222, which allows for timely and accurate validation by the supplier.
  - Faster transactions allow for just-in-time ordering and smaller inventories.

- Decreased Cost
  - Order accuracy and decreased paperwork result in a lower transaction cost.
CSOS FRAMEWORK FUNDAMENTALS
DEA / INDUSTRY CSOS RELATIONSHIP

1. **Enrollment**
   An individual enrolls with DEA and, once approved, is issued a personal CSOS Certificate.

2. **Digitally Signed Order**
   The purchaser creates an electronic 222 order using approved ordering software. The order is digitally signed using the purchaser's personal CSOS Certificate and then transmitted to the supplier. The paper 222 is not required for electronic ordering.

3. **Certificate Validation**
   The supplier receives the purchase order and verifies that the purchaser's certificate is valid with DEA. Additionally, the supplier validates the electronic order information just like it would a paper order.

4. **Controlled Substances Supplied**
   The supplier completes the order and ships to the purchaser. All communications regarding the order are sent electronically.

5. **CSOS Transaction Report**
   The order is reported by the supplier to DEA within two business days.

CSOS DEA / Industry Workflow

![Diagram](image_url)
SUBSCRIBER ROLES
Subscriber Roles

Registrant

- Individual who signed or is authorized to sign the most recent DEA registration application (Form DEA-223)
- May choose to be Principle Coordinator
- Submits Form DEA 251
Subscriber Roles

Principle Coordinator

- Must enroll for each DEA registration number participating in CSOS
- Primary CSOS contact with regards to CSOS certificate applications, renewals, and revocations
- Submits Form DEA 252
Subscriber Roles

Alternate Coordinator

- CSOS contact in the absence of the Principal Coordinator for the DEA registration(s)
- Optional designated role for organization
- Submits Form DEA 252
Subscriber Roles

Power of Attorney

- Individual authorized by the Registrant or Coordinator for signing controlled substance orders
- Submits Form DEA 253
REGISTRATION ENROLLMENT DELAYS
Registration Enrollment Delays

Insufficient coordination of subscriber roles within organization

- Must have one Principle Coordinator per DEA registration
- Must have Principle Coordinator prior to enrolling other applicants
- Individual may only have one role per DEA registration
  - (i.e.) Principle Coordinator, Power of Attorney
Registration Enrollment Delays

Incorrectly Filling Out Application Form

- Missing signatures
- Incorrect / Invalid e-mail address
- Missing / Expired identification
- Submitting application under an expired DEA registration
Incomplete Application Process

Initial rejection e-mail sent stating errors to correct

45 day rejection reminder notice sent

90 day / final rejection notice sent

** No response to these notices results in application resubmission
CERTIFICATE MANAGEMENT
Certificate Management

- Sharing certificates / passwords
  - 21 C.F.R. § 1311.30

- Making backup copies of user certificate
  - 21 C.F.R. § 1311.30

- Maintaining subscriber agreement
  - 21 C.F.R. § 1311.60
Certificate Management

- Expired DEA registration and renewing digital certificates
  - 21 C.F.R. § 1311.40

- DEA registration changes and renewing digital certificates (i.e.) name change, address change...
  - 21 C.F.R § 1311.40

- Assignment / Maintaining of Principle Coordinator
  - 21 C.F.R. § 1311.20
RECORD KEEPING
Record Keeping

- Recording Shipments
  - 21 C.F.R § 1305.22

- Readily Retrievable Records
  - 21 C.F.R § 1311.60

- Maintaining / Accessing Centralized Ordering
  - 21 C.F.R § 1305.24
QUESTIONS?

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