How to jump-start EPCS

Electronic prescription of controlled substances (EPSC) is legal in Texas, but physicians who want to practice EPCS have to clear a few hurdles first. Let’s get started:

- **Do you have e-prescription software?**
  - **NO**
  - **YES**
    - **Is your e-prescription software certified for EPCS?**
      - **NO**
        - Contact your vendor about options for EPCS-certified software. It may only require a software update on your end.
      - **YES**
        - Request a letter from your vendor confirming the software passed an EPCS audit.
          - **NO**
            - **Now you can begin the identity-proofing process. Do you work for a hospital or other large health care organization?**
              - **NO**
                - Find a federally approved credential service provider (CSP) or certificate authority and begin the identity-proofing process. A list of federally-approved CSPs is available at www.idmanagement.gov/approved-identity-services.
              - **YES**
                - You can likely get your EPCS signing credentials from the organization’s credentialing office.