



## Integra® Achieves Certification for SCRIPT Standard 201701

(Anacortes, WA – June 12, 2019) Integra is pleased to announce that effective May 3, 2019, PrimeCare® has been certified by Surescripts® to send and receive electronic prescriptions and prescription-related information using the new SCRIPT Standard version 2017071. The National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) sets the standard for electronic prescribing and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has adopted version 2017071 in its final rule for Medicare Part D eligible beneficiaries. The new rule sunsets the outgoing SCRIPT Standard version 10.6 and mandates the use of the new standard for all electronically transmitted prescriptions and prescription-related information beginning January 1, 2020.

“Integra prides itself on being an innovator in the long-term care pharmacy industry,” said Kevin P. Welch, Integra President. “As an early adopter for Surescripts, we completed this important work in early May and are excited about deploying our solutions across the country to facilitate a smooth transition.”

The changes specified by the new SCRIPT Standard 2017071 include the expansion of fields and addition of new message types that allow the industry to better serve patients. Hundreds of new data fields will allow for the communication of crucial patient information between systems, as well as the ability to electronically change, cancel or request an electronic prescription.

“Integra believes the new SCRIPT standard will allow long-term care pharmacies to take better care of their patients as more data and data types can be exchanged between the facility, pharmacy, and healthcare provider,” Welch added. “For example, under the old SCRIPT standard, the SIG field only allowed for 140 characters. With version 2017071, the field for SIG directions has increased roughly 10 times to 1,000 characters. In the end, that means prescribers can be specific and pharmacists aren’t trying to interpret the prescriber’s intent.”

Integra began incorporating the changes in its PrimeCare pharmacy management system in Service Pack 27. Final changes and updates will be included in Service Pack 29, which will be released well in advance of the January 1, 2020 transmission effective date.

### About Integra

Integra designs software tailored exclusively to help pharmacists offer world-class care that improves patient outcomes and lifestyles. Integra offers PrimeCare, the state-of-the-art pharmacy operation system for long-term care pharmacy operations, DocuTrack®, WebConnect®, DeliveryTrack®, Logix®, and Mevesi®. Integra is the premiere partner in the long-term care, institutional, and closed-door pharmacy marketplace. Integra is part of Smith Technologies, LLC, a subsidiary of the J M Smith Corporation, one of the largest privately held companies in South Carolina. For additional information about Integra and the products and services it provides, visit [www.integragroup.com](http://www.integragroup.com) or call 866.257.4279.

### About Surescripts

Our purpose is to serve the nation with the single most trusted and capable health information network, built to increase patient safety, lower costs and ensure quality care. Since 2001, Surescripts has led the movement to turn data into actionable intelligence, and convened the Surescripts Network Alliance™ to enhance prescribing, inform care decisions and advance the healthcare industry. Visit us at <http://surescripts.com> and follow us at <https://twitter.com/surescripts>.

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