

# DSCSA dispenser impact checklist

DSCSA impacts all “dispensers” which is any provider in a health system, hospital, community or specialty pharmacy, or independent community practice dispensing or administering pharmaceuticals that require enhanced unit level tracking per DSCSA definition.



Ability to access and receive serialized data through an **Electronic Product Code Information Services (EPCIS)** file using a third-party vendor solution or by accessing the DSCSA report in ABC Order. \*EDI does not go away but is no longer DSCSA compliant. If you do not use a vendor to manage EPCIS files, the DSCSA report is available in ABC Order. If you do work with a 3rd party solutions vendor, work with them directly to confirm onboarding status.



Ensure you have a **Global Location Number (GLN)** as it is required to identify all unique locations in the supply chain, meeting the FDA tracing requirements. They also provide critical data in the EPCIS messaging standard that are used in DSCSA transactions. **We have provided you a GLN if you did not have one already.** Cencora is actively participating in an industry-wide GLN cleanup led by GS1 to reconcile and remove duplicate GLNs created over the past year, and any changes to GLNs will be reflected in ABC Order.



Be prepared for an **added step in the returns process** as distributors will only be able to accept returns purchased through that distributor originally. Returns will require a Standardized Numerical Identifier (SNI). ABC Order will allow you to type in the SNI number or use a 2D scanner to quickly scan. **We recommend obtaining a 2D barcode scanner, but it is not required.** If you qualify for the small dispenser exemption or have submitted a Waiver, Exception, or Exemption (WEE) application, the new returns process will still apply this November.



**Establish processes and procedures** to ensure you are buying product from an authorized trading partner, and how to investigate and properly handle suspect and illegitimate drugs. If you qualify for the small dispenser exemption or have submitted a Waiver, Exception, or Exemption (WEE) application, you have additional time for SOPs to be in place.