

AmerisourceBergen

DSCSA: Understanding GLN requirements and impact

What is a GLN?

Powered by GS1 Standards, the Global Location Number (GLN) provides businesses the ability to know who is involved in transactions and where things are located throughout the supply chain. By uniquely identifying parties and locations, the GLN helps with tracking products, optimizing processes, and providing greater visibility to shipments moving through the supply chain.

What you need to know

DSCSA requires the use of international standards as defined by GS1. The GLN (Global Location Number) identifies unique locations by assigning a unique 13-digit numeric code to each location.

- AB cannot send information on the product without the standardized GLN for identification.
- AB cannot complete the EPCIS file (Data file that contains serialized product shipment details for DSCSA covered items and represents transfer of ownership of materials included in the shipment) for your order without it. The purchase order will be marked incomplete without a GLN on file.
- Without the GLN, you will be out of compliance with the DSCSA federal regulation in 2023 and AB will not be able to transact business with you.

What do you need to do?

This GLN requirement is for all customers that purchase through AB, or any of our competitors. This includes secondary accounts that do business with us and all customers regardless of size. Please see below for assistance on how to obtain a GLN if you do not already have one.

Assistance in obtaining a GLN

- *Health Systems:* The main location of the health system will have a GLN for billing, and additional GLNs for where the product is shipped.

Example: Main Hospital has 10 pharmacies within their network. Main Hospital can have 11 GLNs (1 master, 10 pharmacy locations)

- *CRLTC and SPS:* The GLN impacts all customer groups, including community and specialty pharmacies, and all independent community practices. All customers will need GLNs. Please email SecureSupplyChain@Amerisourcebergen.com and the AB team will work with you on the GLN process to ensure DSCSA compliance.

If you have specific GLN related questions or need assistance finding your GLN, please reach out to gs1usdscsa@gs1us.org and the GS1 team will work with you to answer any questions you may have.

Do you already have a GLN?

If you have your GLN information or obtain a GLN on your own, please send an email to SecureSupplyChain@amerisourcebergen.com and CC your sales rep with the following details:

- Account name
- Account number
- Account address
- GLN number
- DEA # (if available)

Resources

[How to obtain a GLN instruction guide](#)

[GS1 GLN information](#)

[GS1 GLN Quick Start Guide](#)