

Expanding EDI

At CuraScript SD we are continuously working to provide a wide-range of solutions that best support your practice. Over the years we have seen an increase in popularity and desire for transactions to be delivered via Electronic Data Interchange (EDI). In an effort to support this shift in order placement we have a dedicated team to ensure seamless transition and support.

Understanding EDI

EDI is the exchange of information from one party to another solely via electronic transmission. This process is initiated when a connection is established between two agreeing parties, typically requiring a technology team or third-party to establish. Once the connection is made, tested, and verified; information can be digitally sent and received between the two entities automatically. There are different types of transmissions for both inbound and outbound data, and available transmission types will vary between parties.

For Example:

A physician's office may have a connection with a distributor so they may electronically order a product. Within this same connection, they may also receive invoices electronically. The purchase order is outbound data for the practice, and the invoice is inbound data.

EDI vs E-commerce

EDI differs in several ways from typical online e-commerce. EDI allows for different connections across multiple parties to have one singular end-point. Meaning a purchaser could order from multiple vendors simultaneously and receive all the data and records in one place, under one system. There is also standardization requirements in EDI, meaning data must have specific formatting and fields in order to be transmitted over EDI. EDI is commonly used and widely integrated technology in business-to-business transactions.

Benefits

Some notable cost/time-saving benefits are:

- Reduction in human error. EDI works off specific information and parameters, once all that information is in the system, it is recalled for future use.
- With all data in one central location, it is convenient to access both outbound and inbound information.
- Efficiency is almost immediate as the need for manual intervention is eliminated. Transmissions are timely, and the information is quickly available.

Did you know?

EDI reduces order processing to delivery times, thus allowing for reduction in on-hand inventory levels.

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References:

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