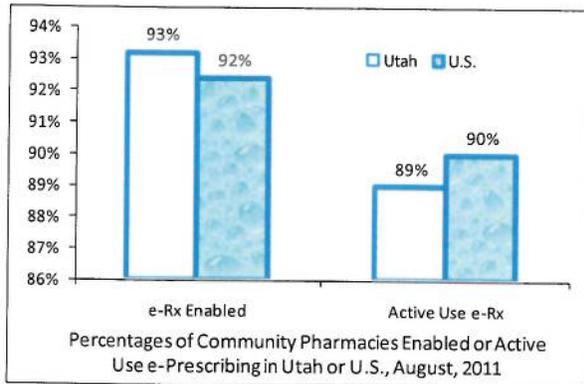




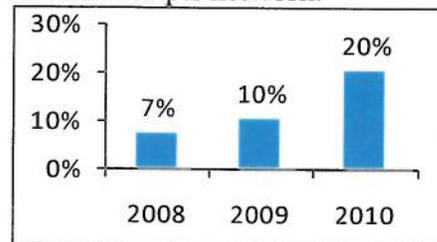
**Progress toward Statewide e-Prescribing
Report from the E-Prescribing Taskforce
November 16, 2011**

E-Prescribing among Pharmacies: As of August 2011, 93.2% of retail community pharmacies were enabled to e-prescribe and 89% were actively e-prescribing on the Surescripts Network in Utah.



E-Prescribing among Clinicians:

Approximately 20% of Utah physicians routed prescriptions electronically in 2010. By August, 2011, 22.6% of office-based physicians in Utah sent an electronic prescription on the Surescripts network using an EHR. Nationwide, 37.6% of office-based physicians prescribe electronically through an EHR connected to the Surescripts network.



Strategies to Improve e-Prescribing in Utah:

- Utah e-Prescribing Task Force includes all major stakeholders to coordinate statewide efforts and strategies.
- Intermountain Healthcare and University of Utah Health Care roll out of e-prescribing functionality within their Electronic Health Records among clinics and hospitals.
- Regional Extension Center at HealthInsight provides technical assistance to 474 top prescribers who do not have an EHR and those EHR users currently not e-prescribing.
- UHIN Clinical Health Information Exchange (cHIE) provides an alternative stand-alone e-prescribing tool [E-Lite] to those who do not plan to adopt an EHR. UHIN also outreached to 51 specialty providers and clinics.
- E-Prescribing panels were organized for the state HIT annual conference and e-Health Community Meetings.
- Utah Medical Association provides continuing medical education credits to clinicians at the e-Health Community Meetings.
- Medicare and Medicaid provides financial incentives to clinicians who e-prescribe and meet the Meaningful Use requirements.
- Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing will follow the 2010 DEA e-prescribing controlled substance standard to support clinicians and pharmacies implementing e-prescribing for controlled substance. Security, prescribers' authentication and lack of DEA-approved vendors are the major challenges.