



DSCSA: Update

May 2024

Supplier Readiness

Our expectations for our supplier partners remain as follows: **All suppliers must have been in full compliance with the interoperability provisions by March 31, 2024:**

- All (100%) products delivered to Cardinal Health must contain serialized data and be fully compliant with all DSCSA requirements.
- If a supplier is unable to send 100% of data due to unaggregated inventory, they must provide an action plan containing the following:
 - Individual NDC(s)
 - Expected date(s) of aggregation for all product(s)
 - A suggested process for managing impacted inventory.

Effective March 31, 2024, Cardinal Health may shift product volume from suppliers who are non-compliant at the NDC level where necessary to limit the risk within our network where possible.

Serialized Transaction Data

Not all serialized transaction data is available at this time. Prior to November this information will be available through a web portal on [MetromedicalOrder.com](https://www.MetromedicalOrder.com) or your EPCIS solution provider. Currently, there may be delays in the transmission of data. We're continuing to work with the third-party solution providers on any data errors.

For the industry, including Cardinal Health, 20-25% of Rx items will have transaction data at this time. As data becomes available, it will be included in your serialized transactional data reports.

Global Location Numbers (GLN's)

GLN Requirements

Cardinal Health remains committed to our implementation efforts and working with you and our manufacturer partners to meet the enhanced drug distribution security requirements. We will be unable to send serialized transaction data to customers who do not have a GLN attached to their account. Therefore, prior to November 2024, Cardinal Health will block orders from customers who do not have a Global Location Number (GLN).



Please remember if you open any new dispensing sites a GLN will be required for your account to be set up.

For information about how to obtain a GLN, please visit the GS1 website:

<https://www.gs1us.org/industries-and-insights/standards/global-location-number/get-a-global-location-number>

GLN Duplications

A few data quality scenarios arose in the early stages of dispensers' GLN enumeration that have caused some duplicate GLNs to be created, leading to some confusion as to which GLNs should be used in trading partner systems.

Since discovering this issue, we have partnered with GS1 and developed an action plan to not only remediate and clean up the data, but also to mitigate such duplication from occurring in the future. The process is already underway, and we expect this to be a continuous industry effort over time. We will keep you apprised of our progress going forward.

If you are encountering duplicate GLNs, are unsure of which you should be using, or if you have any other questions, please contact us at dscsainfo@cardinalhealth.com and let us know which business unit you do business with at Cardinal Health (Pharmaceutical Distribution, Specialty Distribution, Kinray, Metro Medical, 3PL, Harvard, Puerto Rico).

Please visit [Pharmaceutical Tracing website](#) for additional information.

Visit the [DSCSA Resource Center](#) for the latest DSCSA updates. If you have additional questions, please contact your Cardinal Health representative or email dscsainfo@cardinalhealth.com.