

# FDB Vela™ ePrescribing Network

## Enabling health plans and PBMs to innovate and inform the drug fulfillment process more easily

FDB Vela™ is a cloud-native electronic prescribing network that enables the seamless flow of critical medication prescription information, benefits verification, and clinical decision support between pharmacies, prescribers, and payers.

With FDB Vela, health plans and pharmacy benefits managers (PBMs) can now more freely innovate ePrescribing workflows to bring greater value to members. They can more easily equip prescribers and pharmacists to offer members price transparency regarding their prescription drugs and can expand availability of eligibility and enrollment information to streamline the drug fulfillment process. This includes implementing ePrescribing for members requiring specialty medications. Additionally, health plans and PBMs can gain greater control over ePrescribing transaction costs.

### System Hurdles Limit Innovation

Today, many health plans and PBMs seeking to innovate ePrescribing workflows face hurdles in offering pricing information, as well as eligibility status, to prescribers and pharmacists so they can have informal conversations with their patients about their medication choices in real time. Under the Transparency in Coverage rule, administered by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS), health plans must begin posting pricing information for covered items and services, including prescription drugs, beginning July 1, 2022.

PBMs are also stifled from innovating new ePrescribing workflows to automate enrollment and fulfillment of specialty medications. This process currently takes weeks to complete, delaying treatment for health plan members. In addition, less flexible ePrescribing network agreements may require participants to use the network for a minimum number of transactions. They have little or no negotiating power over price per transaction. These conditions may result in higher ePrescribing costs and fewer resources for innovation.

### A New ePrescribing Network Takes Flight

FDB Vela offers health plans and PBMs a network choice that will empower them to drive change and meet the needs of their members as well as reach their business goals. FDB Vela achieves this by:

- **Fostering Innovation.** FDB Vela's flexible cloud-native architecture and an accommodating, collaborative business model enables all participants to bring their own creative aspirational ideas for ePrescribing to market without barriers. Using advanced APIs, health plans and PBMs can readily integrate functionalities that will help them provide greater pricing transparency and access to eligibility information throughout the ePrescribing process, and improve prescribing and fulfillment for all members:

- **Real-Time Pharmacy Benefit (RTPB) Services** FDB Vela offers RTPB verification and drug pricing information through partnership with Arrive Health (formerly RxRevu), the industry's most reliable real-time cost and coverage network.



## A New ePrescribing Network Takes Flight *(continued)*

- **Electronic Routing for Specialty Drugs** FDB Vela—in partnership with RxLightning, a leading innovator in specialty prescription processing—digitizes the enrollment process for specialty medications. This dramatically reduces fulfillment wait times in most cases.
- **Empowering Participation.** Onboarding and implementation for FDB Vela are based on established industry standards, which makes these processes turnkey for many participants. FDB has also created simple ways to connect into FDB Vela and to leverage its unique services via APIs. With FDB Vela, health plans and PBMs can facilitate fulfillment of prescriptions through all types of pharmacies, including mail order, for their members.
- **Offering Greater Control Over Transaction Costs.** With FDB Vela, health plans and PBMs can now negotiate price and transaction volumes. They can also share more critical member eligibility information without the concern of being overbilled due to non-prescribing inquiries. FDB Vela’s simplified onboarding and implementation processes, its scalable, cloud platform, and workflow efficiencies derived from the network save health plans and PBMs IT dollars and time and allows them to direct more resources toward innovation.

## About FDB

FDB (First Databank) creates and delivers the world’s most powerful drug knowledge that ignites, inspires, and illuminates critical medication decisions. We collaborate with our partners to help improve patient safety, operational efficiency, and health outcomes.

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

FDB Vela is built on a highly scalable platform hosted on Microsoft® Azure.

- API integration
- Supports all ePrescribing standards set by NCPDP and other pharmacy organizations
- Highly stable, secure environment
- Fully redundant
- 24/7 availability



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