

# **EPCS Provider On-boarding Manual**

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# **EPCS Identity Proofing Checklist**

Items marked with a \* are required, while the other items are recommended, optional, or only necessary for specific circumstances.

- 1. Hard or soft EPCS token (recommended to have at least two tokens) \*
  - a. Hard token: Keychain device provided by DrFirst
  - b. Soft token: VIP Access smartphone/tablet app by Symantec
- 2. Remove any security / credit freezes from your credit accounts by contacting Experian

Please Note: IDP cannot be passed if there is any protection on your credit accounts

- a. Instructions on how to remove freezes / alerts can be found at www.experian.com under "Credit Report Assistance"
- 3. Free Experian credit report from www.annualcreditreport.com
  - a. Identity proofing questions are formulated based upon credit history. This includes but is not limited to questions about home/auto loans, bank accounts, places of residency, etc. Having a credit report available can assist in answering these questions
- 4. First eight digits of a personal credit card (VISA or MasterCard) no business or debit cards
- 5. Valid personal phone number (residential or cellular must be associated with home address)

**Please Note**: If you enter a mobile phone number and Experian can verify that you are the primary account holder, you may receive your transaction ID instantly by SMS text message. Alternatively, you will receive a letter via USPS mail (takes approximately 3-5 business days)

- Social Security Number \*
- 7. DEA number and state DO NOT use a narcotics addiction DEA number (NADEAN) \*
- 8. An idea for a passphrase (password) that is a minimum of 8 characters with at least one capital letter, one lowercase letter, and a number \*
  - A passphrase is necessary for the two-factor authentication step required for sending controlled substance prescriptions
  - b. It is HIGHLY recommended you write down the passphrase to save in a secure location
- An idea for a security question and answer (necessary for resetting your passphrase) \*
  - a. Example: Mother's maiden name or make/model of your first car
  - b. Security answers are case sensitive

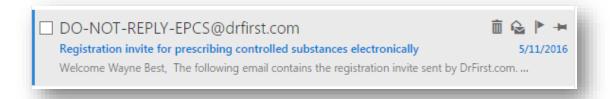


# **Provider Invite and Identity Proofing**

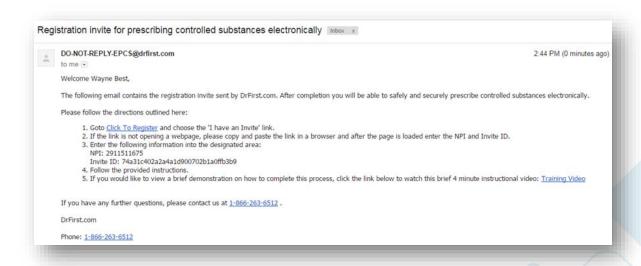
Every EPCS provider will receive an invite from DrFirst (<u>DO-NOT-REPLY-EPCS@epcsdrfirst.com</u>).

The provider must follow the instructions in this email in order to complete the EPCS registration process, which includes the IDP Process (Identity Proofing) and activating token devices. If unable to find the email, please check your junk/spam folder.

**Please Note**: Do not begin without at least one EPCS token. Even if you complete the IDP process, you cannot complete the last step without your token present.

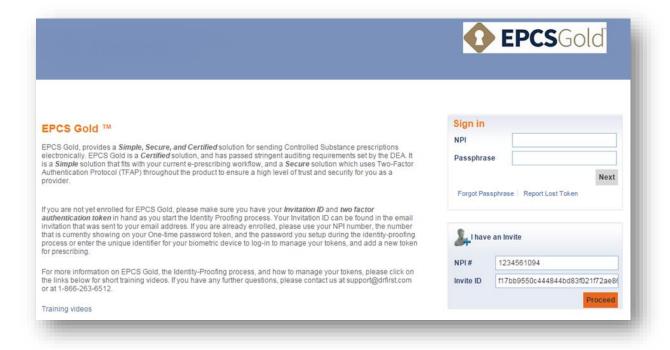


 In the email, a link will be appear in step 1 of the directions (Click To Register). Click this to begin. The invite email contains an Invite ID. We recommend saving the email with the Invite ID in case you are unable to complete the process and have to re-access this information later.





This link will take you a page where your NPI # and Invite ID will be pre-populated in the I
have an Invite box. Please confirm that these fields are correct, and click the orange Proceed
button.



**Please Note:** You may need to scroll down and to the right in order to find these boxes as some browsers do not condense information at the top of the page.



3. The next step will be to accept the **Terms of Use and Conditions** by clicking the individual gray checkboxes and clicking the **I Agree** button in the bottom right corner

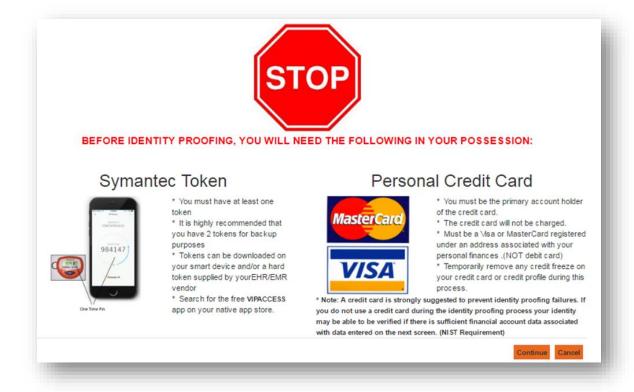


4. The next screen will present a temporary password. This allows you to resume the IDP session if you exit for any reason. This can be recorded before proceeding.

**Please Note:** This temporary password can only be used if IDP has been passed but you have yet to bind a token. If the IDP session needs to be exited and completed later, this password can be used to access the session within 24 hours. To use this password, click on the original invite link and enter the password.



- 5. The next screen lists some pre-requisites of the IDP process
  - a. Token: At least one hard or soft token is necessary to proceed
  - b. **Personal credit card**: This is optional and can help pass the IDP process





#### 6. Then, accept the InfinID Application Terms of Use

#### INFINID APPLICATION TERMS OF USE

DrFirst.com, Inc. ("DrFirst," "we," or "us") provides online and mobile application services related to the practice of medicine, including secure information exchange, electronic prescribing, and other tools to assist physician practices, individual physicians, and other healthcare providers to perform a variety of healthcare activities. Many of these services require healthcare providers to undergo Identity Proofing during their initial registration process, in order to verify that the provider actually is the person that the provider claims to be in accordance with state and federal laws. InfinID ("the Application") is a web-based application which enables a Healthcare Administrator ("End User") to more efficiently manage and authorize those healthcare providers, identity, and credentials. The Application is provided to End User only under the applicable terms of use below (the "Terms").

PLEASE READ THE TERMS CAREFULLY, BY CLICKING ON THE "ACCEPT" BUTTON BELOW, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE READ THESE TERMS, UNDERSTAND THEM, AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THEM.

IF YOU DO NOT AGREE TO ANY OF THE TERMS BELOW, YOUR SUBSCRIBER'S RIGHT TO ACCESS AND USE THE SERVICES WILL NOT COVER YOU AND YOU CANNOT BE GRANTED ACCESS TO THE SERVICES, THE SITE, OR ANY RELATED TOOLS OR SERVICES. IF YOU ARE IN THE PROCESS OF ELECTRONICALLY REGISTERING AND YOU DO NOT AGREE WITH THESE TERMS, YOU SHOULD CLICK ON THE "DO NOT ACCEPT" BUTTON TO DISCONTINUE THE REGISTRATION PROCESS OR EXIT THE APPLICATION REGISTRATION SCREEN.

A. END USER REQUIREMENTS By agreeing to these Terms as an End User, you represent that you are an End User at a healthcare entity, an authorized administrator appointed by a healthcare entity, or an authorized administrator appointed by an electronic medical record with the authority to access an entity's healthcare provider database in order to share provider identity verification information with DrFirst and authorized third parties. In the event that you cease to be an Authorized Credentialing Officer or an authorized administrator with the right to access and share healthcare provider information, these Terms will automatically terminate and you agree to discontinue your use of the Application immediately. You agree to use the Application to upload information for only those healthcare providers who have successfully completed your healthcare entity's identity proofing verification process in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

B. ACCESSTO SERVICES For so long as these Terms remain in effect and you remain a properly registered End User, the Application will remain available to you. You may access the Application only if the healthcare entity that you are affiliated with remains a DrFirst customer, subject to these Terms. During such time as you remain a properly registered End User, you are granted a limited, non-exclusive, nontransferable license to access and make use of the Application.

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■ I have read and understood this agreement, and I declare that I am authorized to sign this agreement.

PLEASE SELECT THE ACCEPT BUTTON BELOW TO SIGNIFY THAT YOU HAVE READ AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE PRECEEDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF USE

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## **User Registration**

Next, you must fill in all required fields on the User Registration page marked with a red asterisk (\*).

#### Required (\*)

- NPI: This will be pre-populated
- First / Last Name: These fields will be pre-populated
- E-mail Address: Must match the email where you received the EPCS invite
- **DEA Number**: When entering your DEA number, please use all capital letters. For example, AA1234567 and not aa1234567. Please enter your primary DEA number, not a specialty DEA or DEA for prescribing addiction medications.
- **Date of Birth**: Please click on the calendar icon and select your birth year followed by the month and then day. This will make ensure correct it is formatting.
- **Home Address** fields: Please enter the address related your financial records. This is typically a home address. Please do not input any special characters within the address field.
- Social Security Number: Personal SSN number

#### **Optional (but recommended)**

- **Mobile Phone Number**: While this is not required, if you enter a mobile phone number that Experian can verify, you will receive a text message with a confirmation code instead of a physical letter. This greatly speeds up the IDP process.
- Credit Card Number: While this is not required, this can increase your chances of passing IDP.
   Please enter a personal credit card that is either a VISA or MasterCard. You will <u>NOT</u> be charged; Experian requires only the first 8 digits

**Please Note**: Mobile phone number and credit card number are not required, but it is recommended that you complete both fields.

Additionally, the **Driver's License State**, **Driver's License #**, and **Residential Phone Number** are not required. If you enter your **Driver's License #**, please put the class of the license at the end of the number.

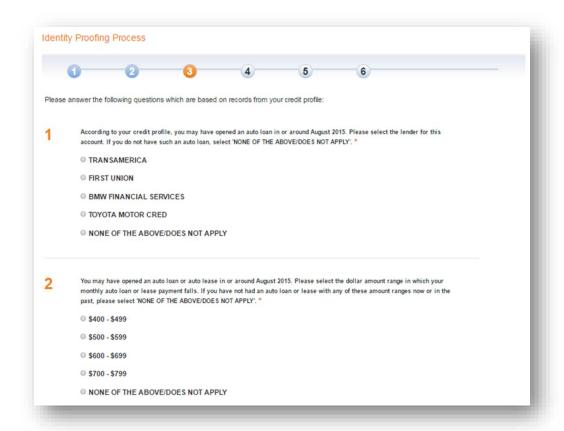


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7. You will then be required to answer 3-4 security questions pertaining to your financial history

**Please Note**: If you are not presented with IDP questions, this could be due to a number of different factors. These include but are not limited to a security freeze or fraud alert on your accounts. Instead of these questions, you will see a message that informs you of unsuccessful identity proofing.



8. Based on the answers to the questions presented, combined with the initial information entered by you on the **User Registration** screen, Experian will determine whether or not you have successfully passed IDP. If you fail IDP, you must start the IDP process over.

**Please Note**: If you fail three times, this will lock your account. You cannot attempt IDP again for a full 24 hours.

Once IDP has been completed successfully, you will receive a confirmation on the next screen that your identity has been successfully verified and be required to complete registration steps



## Registering Tokens

The first registration section asks you to register your EPCS token(s). In order to do this, you must have at least one token with you.

- Hard token: Keychain device issued by DrFirst
- **Soft token**: Available through the **VIP Access** mobile app (by Symantec), which can be downloaded onto a smart device from the app store.





**Please Note**: It is strongly recommended that you have at least two tokens attached to your account. You will need a token every time you send a controlled prescription electronically. If you only have one token on your account that is lost, stolen, dies, or is otherwise inaccessible (including getting a new phone), you will not be able to access your account. Your account will need to be DISABLED, and you will be required to complete IDP again from the beginning.



- 1. To begin, click the orange **Add New Token** button.
- 2. The following listed information will need to be entered per token.

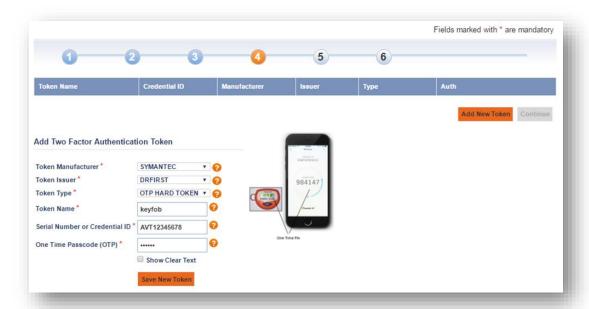
a. **Token Manufacturer**: Symantec

b. Token Issuer: DrFirst

c. **Token Type**: OTP HARD TOKEN (key fob) or OTP SOFT TOKEN (VIP Access)

d. **Token Name**: Nickname for the token to help identify it (Ex. "iPhone token", "key fob", etc.)

- e. **Serial Number** or **Credential ID**: The Serial Number (S/N) is on the back of the hard token. The Credential ID appears on the VIP Access app
- f. **One Time Passcode (OTP)**: The number generated on the hard token or the "Security Code" from the VIP Access app



3. Once all of the required fields have been entered, click the **Save New Token** button. Upon successfully registering a token, a green success message will appear on the screen. You may save additional tokens or click **Continue** to proceed.

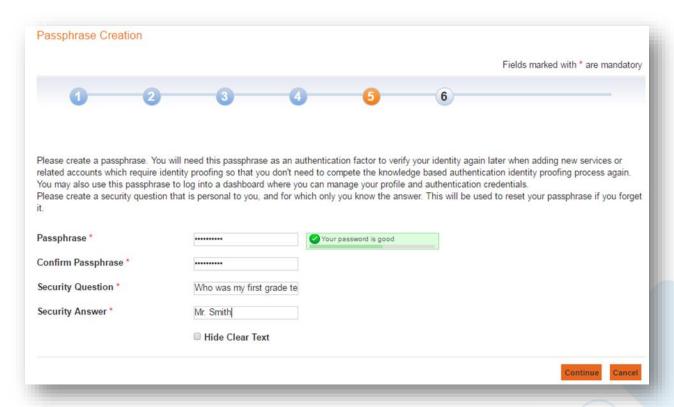


## Creating a Passphrase

Next, a passphrase must be created for the account. This passphrase is a password that will be used to access the account and when a controlled substance is electronically prescribed.

- 1. The passphrase must be at least 8 characters long, be mixed case, and contain at least one number
- 2. A security question and security answer (case sensitive) will need to be entered as well. This will be used in the event the passphrase is forgotten.

**Please Note:** We strongly recommend that the passphrase and security question / answer are written down to be stored in a secure location. DrFirst cannot reset a passphrase. The passphrase can only be reset by correctly answering your security question. In the event that the passphrase is forgotten and cannot be reset, your account must DISABLED, and you will be required to complete IDP again from the beginning.



When the Passphrase, Security Question, and Security Answer have been entered, click Continue to move forward

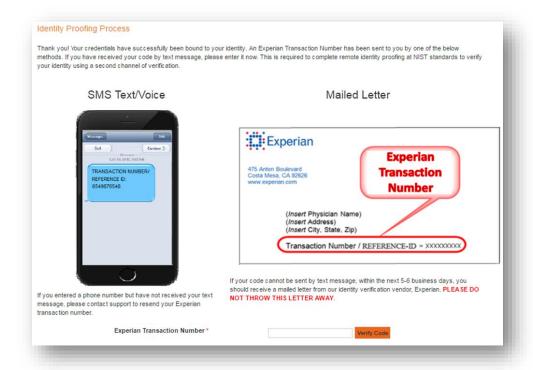


# **Experian Transaction Number**

Once the IDP and registration steps have been completed as outlined on the previous pages, the next screen displays a field to enter in the **Experian Transcaction Number**.

This step must be completed for the Experian process to be completed. This number will arrive immediately via SMS text message or in 5-6 business days by USPS mail.

If you must navigate away from this screen, it is safe to do so at this time. Experian sends an email congratulating you on completing identity proofing. Within this email is a link to enter the transaction number at a later time.



## SMS Text Message

Experian will attempt to match the mobile number (if entered) to the home address to verify that you are the primary account holder for the phone. This **Experian Transaction Number** can be entered on the screen shown above to complete EPCS enrollment.

As previously mentioned, an email link is sent to return the user to the screen to enter the transaction number at a later time.

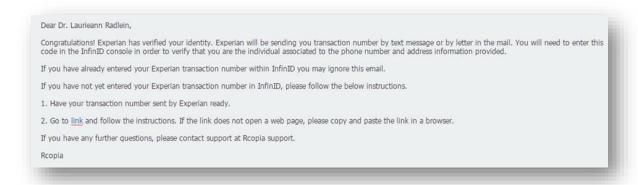
**Please Note:** The text message is only valid for 7 days. Once expired, a provider will have to go through IDP again.



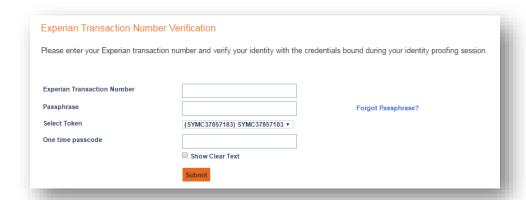
#### **USPS Mail**

If a mobile phone number was not entered or if Experian is unable to verify that you are the primary account holder for the mobile phone number, Experian will send a letter via USPS mail containing the number. This typically takes 5-6 business days.

1. Once the letter arrives, you should access the IDP confirmation email and click the **link** in step 2 to enter the **Experian Transcaction Number** 



2. Enter the **Experian Transaction Number**, passphrase, and pin from the selected token. Then, click the **Submit** button to complete.



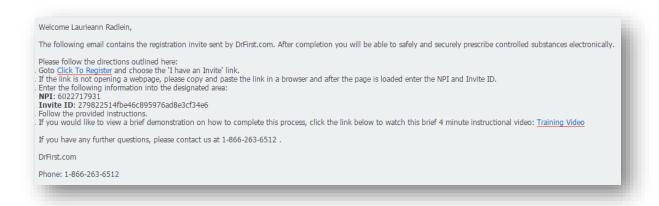


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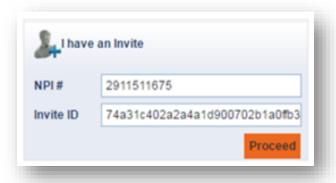
If you are already an active EPCS prescriber and are on-boarding for EPCS at another organization, your account can be re-authenticated by leveraging your existing credentials. This prevents you from having to complete the IDP process for each organization you are in.

Once you have been invited for the new organization, please follow the steps below.

1. Once you receive the invite from DrFirst, click the **Click To Register** link within the email. If unable to find the email, please check your junk/spam folder.



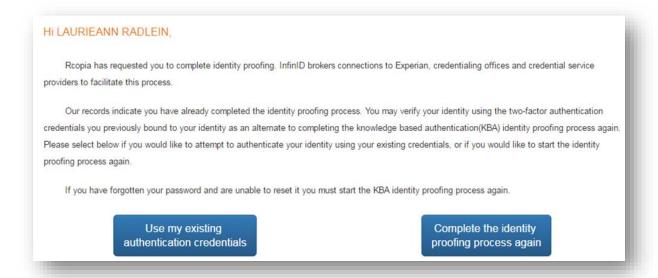
2. Within the I have an invite section, click the orange Proceed button



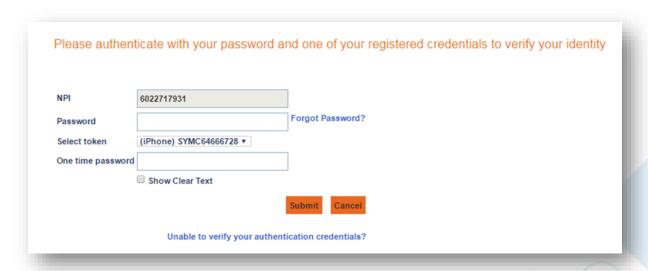
3. Next, accept the Terms of Use and Conditions



4. You will then be prompted to re-authenticate yourself by leveraging your existing credentials. Make sure to choose the **Use my existing authentication credentials** option to prevent having to complete identity proofing again from the beginning.



5. Finally, you will enter your existing passphrase, choose a token, enter the one-time pin (OTP), and click the **Submit** button



At this point in time, enrollment at the new organization is complete. However, you will need to work with an administrator to have your EPCS account activated before you can begin e-prescribing controlled substances for this additional organization.



## **EPCS Logical Access Control (LAC)**

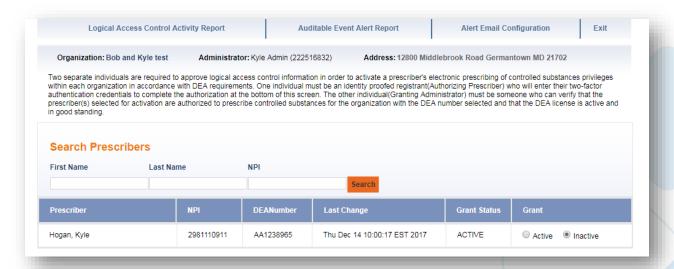
Through the Rcopia application, the practice administrator and a validating provider must be present to authorize a provider for EPCS and change the provider's grant status to active.

- 1. The administrator must log in to their account
- 2. The administrator will need to launch into the Logical Access Control (LAC) screen
  - a. In Rcopia 3, they will need to click on the **EPCS Gold** link from the toolbar at the top of the screen



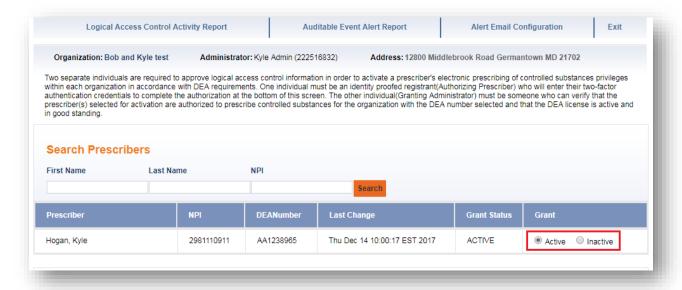
- b. In Rcopia 4, they will hover over the menu icon in the top left, click Utilities, and click the Logical Access Control (LAC) option
- 3. This link will launch the administrator into the Logical Access Control (LAC) screen. This screen will list only providers who are enrolled, meaning that they have completed the IDP process with Experian, activated their token(s), and entered their Experian Transaction Number. Any providers with an **Inactive** grant will be listed first.

**Please Note:** This screen will display no more than 50 providers, so if the administrator cannot find the provider to activate, they will search for him/her at the top of the page.

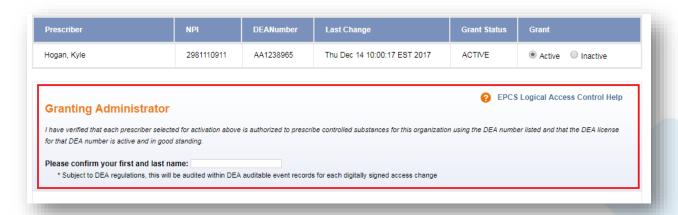




4. Next, the administrator will need to change the EPCS grant to **Active** for any providers that need authorization to electronically prescribe controlled substances. The administrator will find the provider to activate and toggle **Active** under the **Grant** column.



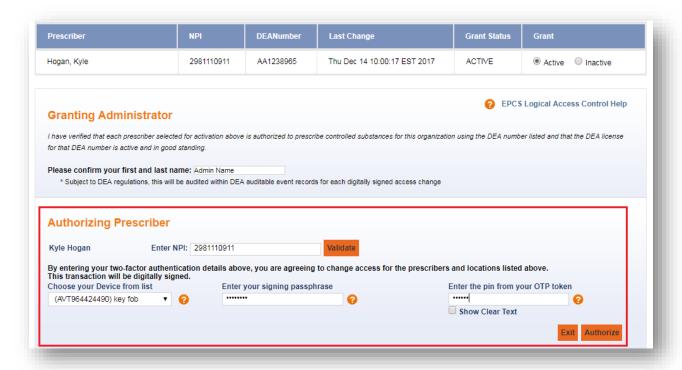
5. Once the administrator has changed the EPCS grant to **Active**, they will need to enter their first and last name into the **Granting Administrator** section on the LAC screen. This acknowledges that the administrator confirms the provider has valid licenses.



6. Then, the validating provider will need to identify themselves on the LAC screen by entering in their NPI number. The validating provider can be any provider that has an EPCS Status of **ENROLLED**. This could be the provider currently being activated, another provider within the practice, or a provider at any practice who is **ENROLLED** with EPCS Gold.



- 7. Finally, the provider will choose the OTP token they wish to use from the dropdown box, enter his/her passphrase, and enter the OTP from the token
- 8. Once the fields have been fillied, the provider will click **Authorize**. This will activate their EPCS grant, and they can begin electronically prescribing controlled substances.



9. If necessary, it is possible for the administrator to see the history of providers that have gone through this process via the **Logical Access Control Activity Report** 





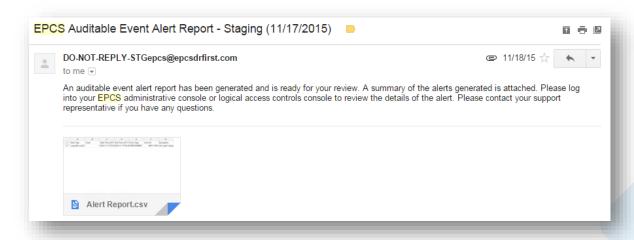
## **Auditable Event Alerts**

Any time there is a grant status change, meaning a provider's grant status has changed from **Inactive** to **Active** or vice versa, an automatic report is generated and sent to the provider's email. Per DEA requirements, this report is sent for a provider to have for auditing purposes.

Within the Logical Access Control (LAC) screen, an administrator can view the **Auditable Event Alert Report** from the top toolbar. Additionally, the **Logical Access Control Activity Report** shows LAC activity. An administrator is able to add other users to receive the **Auditable Event Alert Report** by clicking on **Alert Email Configuration** and adding emails.



Below is a screenshot of the email a provider will receive.





A sample of the CSV file attached to the above email is shown below.

