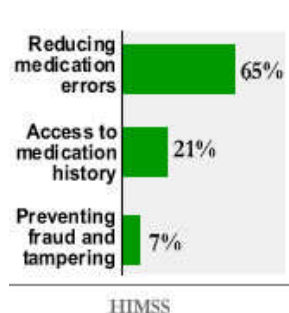




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## What Is the Biggest Benefit to Providers Who Use E-Prescribing?



Sixty-five percent of health IT professionals said that reducing the risk of medication errors is the biggest benefit to providers who use electronic prescribing, according to a [survey](#) by the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society.

Twenty-one percent of respondents said gaining access to patients' medication histories was the biggest benefit of e-prescribing to providers, while 7% said reducing potential for fraud and tampering was the biggest benefit.

Meanwhile, half of respondents said the elimination of the need to mail, fax or drop off prescriptions at the pharmacy is the biggest benefit of e-prescribing to consumers.

Twenty-six percent of respondents said the biggest benefit to consumers is the reduced wait time for prescriptions, while 18% said the biggest benefit of e-prescribing to consumers is that there is no handwriting to interpret.

Results are based on a March survey of 309 health IT professionals.

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