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Colleen,

I hope everyone is staying safe during all the inclement weather. As promised below are some of the various products that PCMA's member companies offer to visually impaired patients related to LD 172 and the work session for Tuesday's HCIFS meeting. I would also like to point out that all of these are free of charge to the patient. Please let me know if you have any questions!

- [ScriptTalk](#)

*A pharmacist programs a small electronic label with all your prescription information, including drug name, dosage, instructions, warnings, pharmacy information, doctor name, prescription number, date and more. The tag relies on RFID and text-to-speech technology.*

*The pharmacist places the tag on your prescription medication and you can use a free mobile ScripTalk App to hear all the information read out loud. Simply download the App from the App Store or Google Play, click the "scan" button and hold the bottle up to either the front of the screen (iPhones) or back of the phone case near the camera (Androids).*

*Alternatively, the patient can use a ScripTalk Station, which is about the size of an old, portable CD player or phone message machine. Simply place the pill bottle on the machine and press the "Read" button. The two triangle buttons on either side of the oval read button can be used to jump forward or back through the prescription information. There is small wheel on the front of the machine which can be moved to turn the machine on and turn up the volume. The ScripTalk Station runs on batteries or can be plugged in to an electrical outlet.*

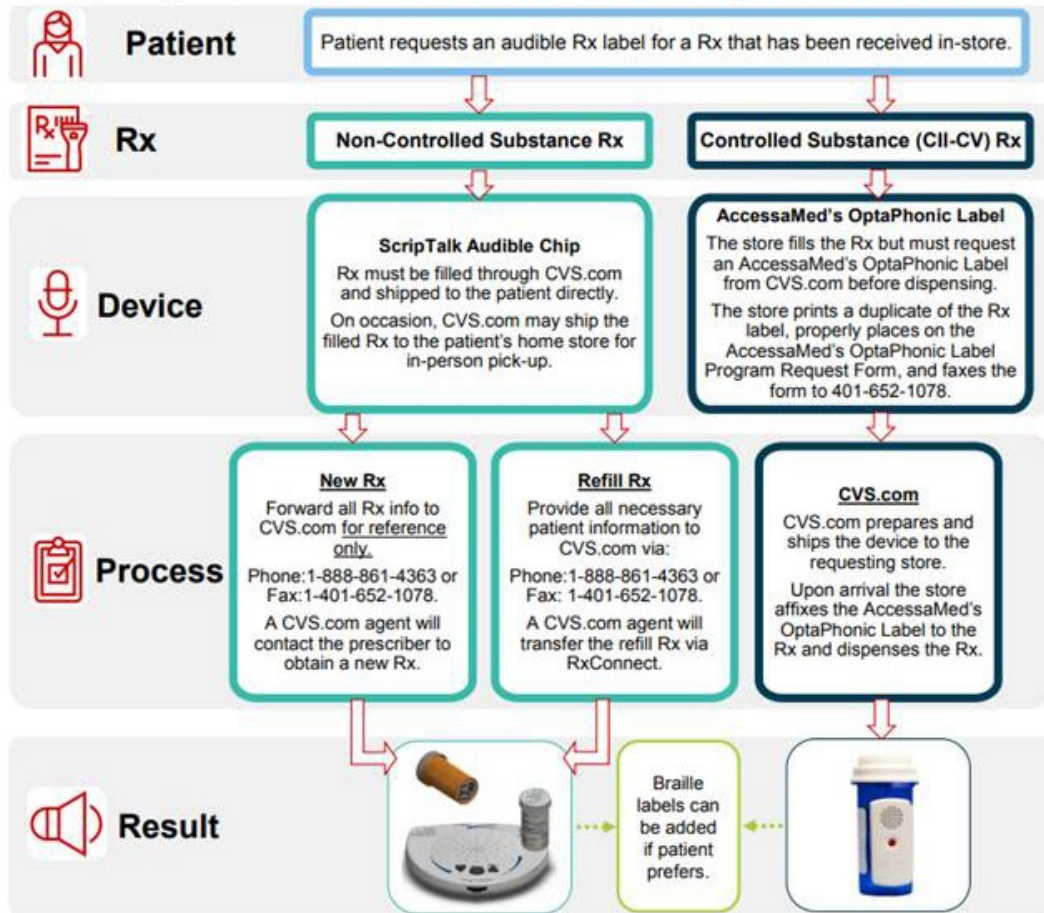
- Large type labels
- Clear braille labels to be placed over an existing prescription bottle
- CVS's Pharmacy app introduces a feature for people with visual impairments
  - [Spoken Rx has the ability to scan RFID labels and read prescription information out loud for patients with visual impairments.](#)
- [OptaPhonic Label](#)

*The optaPHONIC™ Digital Audio Label is two inches tall by one inch wide and adheres to any surface. With a push of its button, the user hears a clear audio description of the information recorded using the optaPHONIC™ Docking Station and optaPHONIC™ Text-to-Speech software.*

*The Digital Audio Label is fully selfcontained and requires no additional equipment to operate. With a battery life that lasts a minimum of 400 minutes, it will last for 400 pushes with a 60 second message.*

Below is a graphic to assist with the ScripTalk process as well as the OptaPhonic Label:

# Helping Patients With Visual Impairment



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Hi Sam,

You may have seen already that the HCIFS Committee has scheduled the work session on LD 172, An Act to Improve Prescription Information Access, for Tuesday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> following the public hearings on LD 1 and LD 274.

Are you available to attend the work session to follow up on your offer to provide examples from the industry related to accessible products for visually-impaired persons? If you aren't available Tuesday, I could share any written information with the committee and update them myself.

The link to register to attend the work session so you'll be "in the room" is below.

Thanks, Colleen

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You are invited to a Zoom webinar.  
When: Feb 16, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
Topic: HCIFS Committee Meeting 2/16/2021 10:00 AM

Register in advance for this webinar:  
[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_TGov0TbXTzSJZ6soxE44A](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TGov0TbXTzSJZ6soxE44A)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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