

# Guidelines for obtaining a GLN

## **Retail Independent Pharmacies, Providers and Practitioners**

If your small business (Retail Independents, providers and practitioners) has fewer than nine locations, ***you do not need to take any action now.***

Cardinal Health and other distributors have purchased a group license from GS1 as a way to support independent and small businesses by eliminating the work necessary to create and identify GLNs. Once created, these distributor-assigned GLNs will be posted to the GS1 Data Hub tool, and will be visible to all distributors, as well as others in the supply chain who need to identify the same customer. We will also communicate your GLN to you through your sales representative/account manager and on your invoice this summer.

If your business has 9 or more locations, you must create your own GLNs via the [GS1 website](#).

## **Health Systems and Clinics**

Many health systems have already implemented the use of GLNs via their GPOs or IDNs. Use the [GS1 Company Database](#) to confirm if you already have a GLN. If your health system does not have a GLN, you can obtain one at the [GS1 website](#).

## **National Retail Chains**

National Retail Chains can generate GLNs using their Global Company Prefix (GCP) from GS1. Customers with your own GCP can contact GS1 for assistance in generating your GLNs if you do not already have your locations listed with GLNs.

We are currently collecting GLN information from all National Retail Chain partners through your account manager. We are completing an audit to determine customers that do not have a GLN.

*Please be aware: Cardinal Health is here to provide guidance to you during this transition, but we are not able to act for you. Additional information about dispenser requirements from NACDS, NCPA, HDA and NABP is available at [www.dscsa.pharmacy](http://www.dscsa.pharmacy).*