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## Health eCard initiative Launch in Bulgaria

The first electronic prescription in Bulgaria was issued and presented at an event presided over by the Bulgarian Minister of Health, Prof. Radoslav Gajdarski, and the Minister of Public Administration and Administrative Reform, Dr. Nikolay Vassilev. The online transaction officially launched the pilot system for the Bulgarian electronic health card (eCard).

The eCard initiative currently includes seven physicians, four pharmacies and 1,000 patients who are testing the eCard's secure identification and authentication procedures, as well as the issuing and dispensing of electronic prescriptions. The eCard system introduces a secure communications infrastructure that can later be upgraded to access and exchange medical information using personal health records.

For more information, please visit: www.mh.government.bg

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