

On March 23 2010, congress passed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, more commonly referred to as the healthcare reform bill. With 32 million more Americans expected to be insured as a result of the bill, there are a number of provisions designed to promote caring for patients in settings that are far less expensive than acute care hospitals. More patients will be treated by community health organizations, surgi-centers, retail clinics and in the home. As such, the supply chain will begin to expand far beyond the hospital walls. Healthcare practitioners will demand the ability to create a requisition and manage it throughout the requisition life cycle (create, review, release, edit, approve, and cancel). With the growth of smart phones---and how it is increasingly used as a business tool---offsite locations will be able to order products using existing technology.

Skumatics *smartReq* allows organizations to extend the requisitioning process to all users that have access to smart phones. Mobile requisitions provide secured access to inquiries, product information, and historical data. It is cost-effective and easy-to-use.