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With the announcement by the IRS that it will now allow electronic signatures on Form 8879, which authorizes electronic filing of tax returns, a cumbersome, time-consuming step in the tax preparation process has been eliminated.

Tax and accounting software developer CCH says that it's [ProSystem fx Tax](#) professional tax preparation system is ready for the change with new [CCH eSign](#) functionality, which is integrated with Form 8879. CCH is a part of the global technology and information provider Wolters Kluwer.

“Because Form 8879 needed to be physically signed by the taxpayer on paper, that back-and-forth, last step for e-filing returns was a big hurdle to clear, especially in crunch time,” said Angela Askew, CCH Software Product Manager. “Our advanced *CCH eSign* solution supports new IRS requirements for Form 8879 – and other forms allowing electronic signatures. The integration of Form 8879 with *CCH eSign* and CCH’s Electronic Filing Status System simplifies the process for our customers – saving valuable time.”

In developing *CCH eSign*, CCH conducted extensive research for determining how to improve communication and collaboration between accounting firms and their clients.

Specific focus was on workflow barriers around required Form 8879 authorization signatures from taxpayers before being able to e-file their returns. To help customers cut down on the added time to collect paper signatures, CCH successfully tested

electronic signature technology with selected firms and their clients using a highly

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