

CURES 2.0

MANDATORY USE BEGINS
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CURES 2.0 is a database of Schedule II, III and IV controlled substance prescriptions dispensed in California serving the public health, regulatory oversight agencies, and law enforcement. CURES 2.0 is committed to the reduction of prescription drug abuse and diversion without affecting legitimate medical practice or patient care. For detailed information regarding CURES go to www.mbc.ca.gov/CURES.

California law (Health and Safety Code Section 11165.1) required all California Licensed prescribers authorized to prescribe scheduled drugs to register for access to CURES 2.0 by July 1, 2016 or upon issuance of a Drug Enforcement Administration Controlled Substance Registration Certificate, whichever occurs later. California licensed pharmacists had to register for access to CURES 2.0 by July 1, 2016, or upon issuance of a Board of Pharmacy Pharmacist License, whichever occurred later.

There are exemptions that apply to the mandatory use requirement. For detailed information go to the (Health and Safety Code 11165.6(b) and (c)).

For detailed information regarding CURES Frequently Asked Questions, Registration and User Guide go to <http://oag.ca.gov/cures>.

For training requests and/or questions, contact the CURES Help Desk at CURES@doj.ca.gov or (916) 210-3187.

If you have any further questions, please seek legal counsel.

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CURES 2.0 REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO:

Health care practitioners with both (A) a Drug Enforcement Administration Controlled Substance Registration Certificate and (B) a California licensure as any of the following: (Health and Safety Code, 11150 and 11165.4(a) (1) (A) (i)).

**Dentist
Physician
Naturopathic Physician
Optometrist
Osteopathic Physician**

**Physician Assistant
Podiatrist
Registered Certified Nurse Midwife
Registered Nurse Practitioner (Furnishing)**

There is no mandatory CURES use requirement of the following health care practitioners (Health and Safety Code, 11165.4 (b)): Pharmacists and Veterinarians

When should health care practitioners consult CURES? (Health and Safety Code, 1165.4(a))

- **Before prescribing a Schedule II, Schedule III, or Schedule IV controlled substance to the patient for the first time; and**
- **At least every four months thereafter if the substance remains part of the treatment of the patient.**

“First time” means the initial occurrence in which a health care practitioner, in his or her role as a health care practitioner, intends to prescribe, order, administer, or furnish a Schedule II, Schedule III, or Schedule IV controlled substance to a patient and has not previously prescribed a controlled substance to the patient.