

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MONITORING YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS



What are the benefits of utilizing CURES?

Benefits of utilizing the prescription monitoring program include:

- Increasing patient safety by reviewing current medications and prior history.
- Identifying patients who may be doctor-shopping for additional medications.
- Checking refill patterns and dates to ensure appropriate refills and use.
- Receiving alerts when therapy thresholds are exceeded.
- Using CURES to start patient dialogues about concerns.
- Protecting your practice by identifying and reporting prescription abuse.
- Defending your DEA license from being misused or forged.

Get help with CURES

Learn more at
www.mbc.ca.gov/CURES

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CA Department of Justice
CURES@doj.ca.gov
(916) 210-3187

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Atlantic Associates, Inc.
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Medical Board of CA
CURES Help Desk
webmaster@mbc.ca.gov
(800) 633-2322

¹Section 11165.4(e) of the CA Health and Safety Code

²Mandatory use requirement of SB-482 does not apply to pharmacists or veterinarians.

³For exemptions see
www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Prescribing/CURES/Mandatory_Use.aspx

Legislation requires most prescribers utilize the state's prescription monitoring program. California law¹ states that prescribers are to consult the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) before prescribing, ordering, administering, or furnishing a Schedule II-IV controlled substance. This mandate took effect on October 2, 2018.

Who is required to consult CURES?

The mandatory consultation requirement of SB-482 applies to any healthcare practitioner with both a DEA certificate and a CA license as any one of the following:²

- Dentist
- Physician
- Naturopathic Doctor
- Optometrist
- Osteopathic Doctor
- Physician Assistant
- Podiatrist
- Nurse Midwife
- Nurse Practitioner
- Surgeon

When should CURES be utilized?

- The first time a patient is prescribed, ordered, administered, or furnished a controlled substance unless exemptions apply.³
- Within 24 hours before prescribing, ordering, administering, or furnishing a controlled substance.
- Before subsequently prescribing a controlled substance, if previously exempt.
- At least once every four months if the controlled substance remains part of a treatment plan.

What are possible consequences of not consulting CURES?

A healthcare practitioner who fails to consult CURES may be referred to their state board, which could result in administrative sanctions.