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RE: <u>CURES 2.0 Soft Launch and Phased Rollout</u>

The Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) are pleased to announce that the state's new Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System – commonly referred to as "CURES 2.0" – will go live on July 1, 2015. This upgraded prescription drug monitoring program features a variety of performance improvements and added functionality.

In order to ensure a smooth transition from the current system, CURES 2.0 will be rolled out to users in phases over the next several months, beginning with early adoption by a select group of users who currently use CURES and meet the CURES 2.0 security standards, including minimum browser specifications. DOJ is currently identifying prescribers and dispensers who meet these criteria and will contact and coordinate their enrollment into CURES 2.0. For all other current users, access to CURES 1.0 will not change and no action is needed at this time. For users and entities not currently enrolled in CURES, further notification will be provided in August as to the enrollment/registration process.

Practitioners and health systems should begin to prepare for universal adoption of the system by January 2016, at which point all users will be required to meet CURES 2.0's security standards. If you have any questions please contact <a href="mailto:cures@doj.ca.gov">cures@doj.ca.gov</a>.

Thank you for your continued support of the CURES program.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> CURES 2.0 users will be required to use Microsoft Internet Explorer Version 11.0 or greater, Mozilla FireFox, Google Chrome, or Safari when accessing the system.