

# CURES 2.0 and Mandatory Use

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## CURES 2.0



The CURES database contains information about Schedule II, III, and IV controlled substance prescriptions dispensed to patients, as reported by those dispensers.

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### Important Dates:

- ▶ July 1, 2016 – Required registration in CURES for all California licensed prescribers and dispensers
- ▶ October 1, 2018 – CURES integration availability
- ▶ October 2, 2018 – Mandatory use of CURES prior to prescribing

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## CURES Registration:

CURES 2.0 provides a web-based electronic registration process



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User Registration

**Application Instructions**

To begin your CURES registration, please enter and then confirm your email address. This should be an email account to which you have access. The email address you select will be the exclusive email address from which you will receive CURES-related correspondence.

**Application's Email Confirmation**

Note: All fields with (\*) are required.

User Role: \*

License Issued By: \* ☐ California Department of Consumer Affairs ☐ An Agency outside of California

Email Address: \*

Re-enter Email Address: \*

**Application Validation**

☐ I'm not a robot

CAPTCHA is a program that protects websites against bots by generating and grading tasks that humans can pass but current computer programs cannot.

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## CURES Registration:

- ▶ Required information
- ▶ Security questions required



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User Registration Form

**Application Instructions**

To submit an application, complete this entire application form.

After successful submission of this application form, you will be notified via email of acceptance or denial.

Important Note: All fields with (\*) are required.

For assistance, contact the CURES Help Desk at (818) 227-3842 or [CURES@doj.ca.gov](mailto:CURES@doj.ca.gov).

**Applicant Information**

Role:  Title:

First Name: \*  Last Name: \*

Middle Name:  Suffix:

Date of Birth: \*  Phone: \*

☐ Social Security Number ☐ Individual Tax Identification Number

NOTE: Social Security Number (SSN) or individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) is required. Please use the number on record with your licensing board (usually your SSN).

This information is used to verify applicant identity. The SSN/ITIN is purged upon application approval or after 90 days, whichever occurs first. Failure to use the 1076 Number you provided to your licensing board will result in a rejection of your application and a delay in your registration.

Licensing State:  Licensing Board: \*

License Type: \*

Enter only numeric values for License Number fields. Please refer to Help for more information.

State License #: \*  Re-Enter State License #: \*

DEAP: \*  Email:

☐ Check this if you are a provider prescribing under a state or federal governmental institutional DEA number (Example: 09, State Hospital, etc.)



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## CURES Dashboard

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Alerts

Alert Type 1 2 3 4 5

Detail	Type	Name	DOB	Address
No records found.				

(1 of 1)

Prescriber Messages

View	Patient Name	DOB	Gender	Address	From	Date
No records found.						

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Studies

• CURES 2.0 CERTIFICATION (04/10/2018)

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## Patient Safety Alerts

1. Rx Recipients Who are Currently Prescribed More than 90 Morphine Milligram Equivalency Per Day
2. Rx Recipients Who Have Obtained Prescriptions from 6 or More Prescribers or 6 or More Pharmacies During Last 6 Months
3. Rx Recipients Who Are Currently Prescribed More than 40 Milligrams Methadone Daily
4. Rx Recipients Who Are Currently Prescribed Opioids More Than 90 Consecutive Days
5. Rx Recipients Who Are Currently Prescribed Both Benzodiazepines and Opioids

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## Patient Safety Alerts



Dashboard

**Favorites**

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Title	Report Type	Requester	Action
No records found			

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**Alerts**

Alert Type 1 2 3 4

Detail	Type
JD	1,3,4,5
JD	1,3,4
JD	1,3,4
JD	1,3,4
JD	1,3,4

**1,3,4,5**

- Currently prescribed more than 90 Morphine mg equivalency per day.
- Currently prescribed 40 or more morphine milligram equivalents of Meprobamate daily.
- Currently Prescribed Opioids More Than 90 Consecutive Days.
- Currently Prescribed Both Benzodiazepines and Opioids.


Select All	Last Name	First Name	DOB	Address	City	Zip
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					RIVERSIDE	92506
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					RIVERSIDE	92506
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					RIVERSIDE	92506

The patient alert is based on all of the above selected patient information variations. To generate a PAR, select some or all patient entities.


Run PAR
Close

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## Global Navigation Bar



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## Delegates

Prescribers and dispensers may register delegates to assist with CURES 2.0.

Delegates may initiate PAR searches on behalf of their prescriber or dispenser.

Prescribers and dispensers may have 50 delegates; and delegates can support 50 prescribers and dispensers.

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## Running a Patient Activity Report (PAR)

The process of completing a PAR contains three steps:

1. Search Criteria
2. Patient Results
3. Patient Details

The screenshot displays the 'Patient Activity' interface. It features a search criteria section with fields for Last Name, First Name, Date of Birth, Gender, Address, City, and State. Below this is a search mode section with options for Search Mode, Search By Time, and Search By. A red arrow labeled '1' points to the search criteria section. A second red arrow labeled '2' points to the search results table, which has columns for Patient ID, First Name, Last Name, Date of Birth, and Address. A third red arrow labeled '3' points to the patient details section, which includes a 'View Patient Details' link and a table for 'Number of Prescriptions Returned (1)'.

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## 1. Search Criteria

Users can input the following patient details:

- Last Name
- First Name
- Date of Birth
- Gender
- Address
- City
- State
- Zip Code

Searches may be made on partial match or exact match to inputted information.

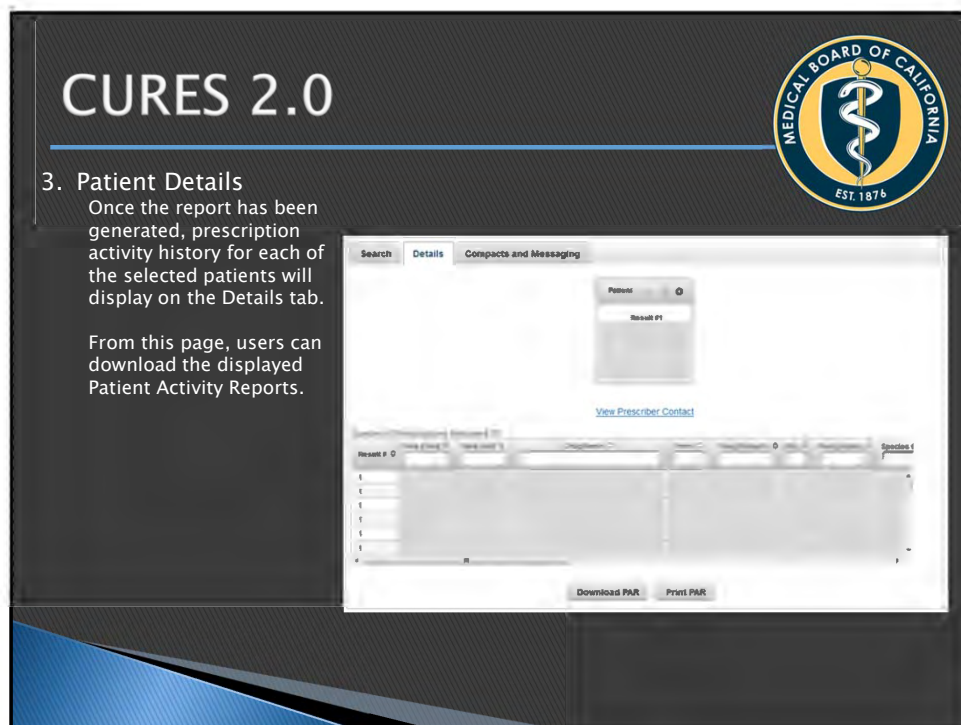
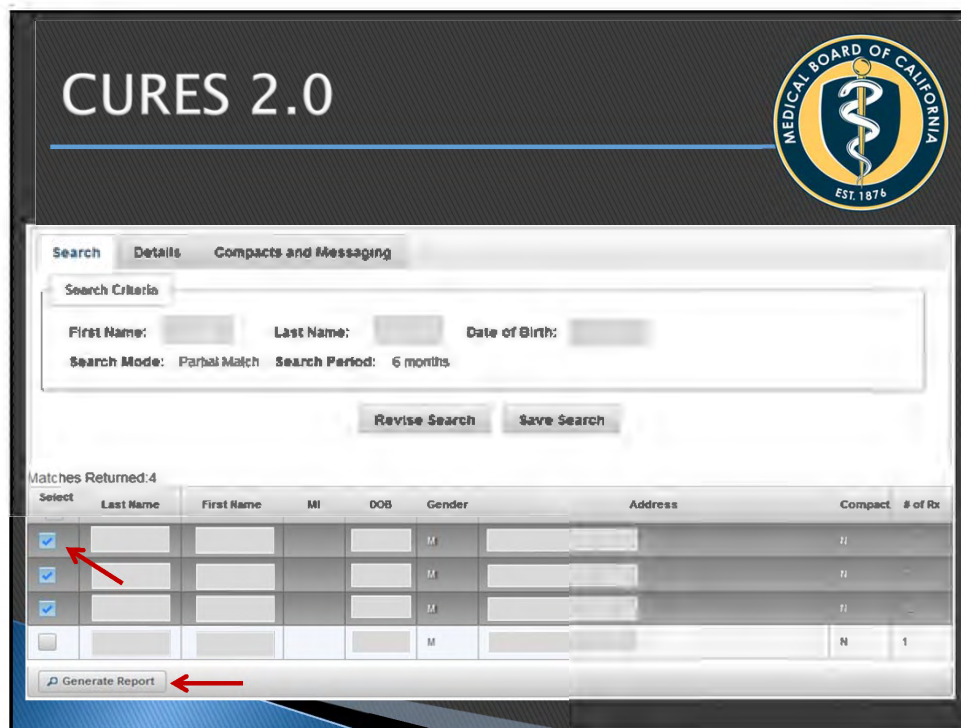
A time period of up to 12 months from date of search or a date range of one year, can be searched.

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## 2. Patient Results

Once users search for patient records, the matching patient entity results are displayed in a patient picklist below the search criteria.





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Matches Returned 4

Select	Last Name	First Name	MI	DOB	Gender	Address
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					M	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						

Search Details Compacts and Messaging

\* This dispenser-reported data fails validation criteria

Patients (3)

Result #1

Result #2

Result #3


[View Prescriber Contact](#)

Number of Prescriptions Returned 21


Result #	Date Filled	Date Sold	Drug Name	Form	Strength	Qty	Days Sup
3	2017-07-11	2017-07-11	OXYCODONE HCL-AC	TAB	325 MG-19 MG	60	30
3	2017-06-10	2017-06-10	OXYCODONE HCL-AC	TAB	325 MG-19 MG	84	21
3	2017-04-12	2017-04-12	OXYCODONE HCL-AC	TAB	325 MG-19 MG	60	30
3	2017-02-27		OXYCODONE HCL-AC	TAB	325 MG-19 MG	19	5
3	2017-02-17		OXYCODONE HCL-AC	TAB	325 MG-19 MG	20	10
3	2017-02-14		CARISOPRODOL	TAB	350 MG	30	15

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## Sample Patient Activity Report



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### PATIENT/CLIENT ACTIVITY : CONSOLIDATED REPORT

Prescription Drug Transaction Details:

Number of Records: 3			Start Date: 08/22/2015										End Date: 08/22/2018			
Date Filled	Last Name	First Name	DOB	Address	Drug Name	Form	Str	Qty	Days Sup	PHY Name	PHYS	Presc. DEAF	Prescriber Name	RX#	Refill	
2016-01-24	PATIENT	SAMPLE	2017-01-01	4949 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95820	CARISOPRODOL	TAB	350 MG	30	30	SAMPLE PHARMACY	PHY00000	AA0000000	NAME, SAMPLE	001236	0	
2018-01-12	PATIENT	SAMPLE	2017-01-01	4949 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95820	SUBOXONE	TAB	8 MG-2 MG	15	30	SAMPLE PHARMACY	PHY00000	AA0000000	NAME, SAMPLE	001235	0	
2016-01-03	PATIENT	SAMPLE	2017-01-01	4949 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95820	SUBOXONE	TAB	8 MG-2 MG	15	30	SAMPLE PHARMACY	PHY00000	AA0000000	NAME, SAMPLE	001234	0	

Disclaimer: This report is compiled from information maintained in the California Department of Justice's Controlled Substance Utilization Review & Evaluation System (CURES). The CURES maintains Schedule II, Schedule III, and Schedule IV prescription information that is received from California pharmacies and direct dispensers, and is therefore only as accurate as the information provided by these entities. If data was submitted with errors or have unknowns within a field, it will not be displayed within this report.

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SAMPLE USERID  
08/13/2018 12:00 PM

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## Patient Activity Report Data



Date Filled

Date Sold\*

Drug Name

Drug Form

Drug Strength

Quantity

Days Supply

Patient Name

Patient DOB

Patient Address

Patient Gender\*

Pharmacy Name

Pharmacy License Number

Doctor's Name

Doctor's DEA Cert Number

Compact\*

Payment Method\*

Private Pay (cash, charge, credit card)

Medicaid

Medicare

Commercial Insurance

Military Installation and VA

Worker's Compensation

Indian Nations

Other

Prescription Number

Refill Number

Refills Authorized\*

Species Code\*

\* Fields available in excel format

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Matches Returned:4

Select

Last Name

First Name

MI

DOB

Gender

Address

☒

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Search

Details

Compacts and Messaging

View Prescriber Contact

Patients (2)

Result #1

Result #2

Result #3

Number of Prescriptions Returned 21

Result #	Date Filled	Date Sold	Drug Name	Form	Drug Strength	Qty	Days Sup
3	2017-07-11	2017-07-11	OXYCODONE HCL-AJ	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	60	30
3	2017-05-10	2017-05-10	OXYCODONE HCL-AJ	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	84	21
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## Compacts (Pain Agreements)

Prescribers can notate patients with whom they have treatment exclusivity agreements to forewarn other providers

## Peer-to-Peer Communication

Users can view prescriber contact information. Prescribers and dispensers can securely send messages to prescribers concerning mutual patients within CURES.

Messages are encrypted in transit and at rest.

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## CURES 2.0 – MANDATORY USE



### ➤ What is the mandatory use requirement of SB-482?

With specified exceptions, a prescriber shall consult the CURES database no earlier than 24 hours, or the previous business day, before prescribing a Schedule II-IV controlled substance to a patient for the first time, and at least every four months thereafter if the substance remains part of the treatment of the patient.

### ➤ How does the mandatory use requirement of SB-482 define "first time"?

"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, III, or IV controlled substance to a patient and has not previously prescribed a controlled substance to the patient.

### ➤ When does mandatory use become effective?

Mandatory use of CURES becomes effective on October 2, 2018.

## Exemptions



- If the controlled substance is administered while the patient is admitted to or during an emergency transfer between a facility as specified in law.



- If the controlled substance is prescribed, ordered, or administered in the ED of a GAC hospital and the quantity does not exceed a nonrefillable 7-day supply.



## Exemptions



- ▶ If the controlled substance is prescribed, ordered, or administered to a patient as part of a patient's treatment for a surgical procedure in a facility as specified by law and the quantity does not exceed a nonrefillable 5-day supply.
- ▶ If the controlled substance is prescribed, ordered or administered to a patient receiving hospice care as specified by law.



## Exemptions



- ▶ If (1) it is not reasonably possible for a physician to access the information in the CURES database in a timely manner, (2) another physician, who can access the CURES database, is not reasonably available, and (3) the quantity of the controlled substance does not exceed a nonrefillable 5-day supply of the controlled substance.



## Exemptions



- ▶ If the CURES database is not operational according to DOJ, cannot be accessed due to technological or electrical failure or technological limitation
- ▶ If consultation of CURES would result in a patient's inability to obtain a prescription in a timely manner and it will impact the patient's medical condition and the quantity does not exceed a nonrefillable 5-day supply



## Administrative Sanctions



- ▶ Citation and fine
- ▶ 'Cause of Action' in an Accusation requesting disciplinary action
- ▶ Disciplinary action
  - Public Reprimand
  - Suspension
  - Probation
  - Revocation





## Common Question Topics



- Requirements – what do I have to do?
- Documentation
- Auditing
- Consulting at discharge
- Delegates





## Common Question Topics



- Who has to check CURES
- Facility exemptions
- Covering physicians
- What to do with the information
- Not practicing or out of state physicians





Information on website:

- Mandatory use information
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- FAQs and tutorials
- Much more

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## CURES 2.0 MANDATORY USE BEGINS OCTOBER 2, 2018

The Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) was certified for statewide use by the Department of Justice (DOJ) on April 2, 2018. Therefore, the mandate to consult CURES prior to prescribing, ordering, administering, or furnishing a Schedule II-IV controlled substance becomes effective on October 2, 2018. Visit [www.mbc.ca.gov/CURES](http://www.mbc.ca.gov/CURES) for detailed information regarding CURES 2.0.

Note: The phrase "controlled substance" as used in this guide refers to a Schedule II, Schedule III, or Schedule IV controlled substance.

### WHEN MUST I CONSULT CURES?

- The first time a patient is prescribed, ordered, administered, or furnished a controlled substance, unless one of the exemptions on back apply.
- Within the twenty-four hour period, or the previous business day, before prescribing, ordering, administering, or furnishing a controlled substance, unless one of the exemptions on back apply.
- Before subsequently prescribing a controlled substance, if previously exempt.
- At least once every four months if the controlled substance remains a part of the patient's treatment plan.

### WHAT PROTECTIONS ARE THERE FOR PRESCRIBERS?

- There is no private cause of action for a prescriber's failure to consult CURES.
- For complete information on the mandatory requirement to consult CURES, please read MDC § 11165.4.
- If you have any further questions, please seek legal counsel.


"Tox test" is defined as the initial assessment in which a health care professional determines if prescribing, ordering, administering, or furnishing a controlled substance to a patient and has not previously consulted a controlled substance system for the patient.

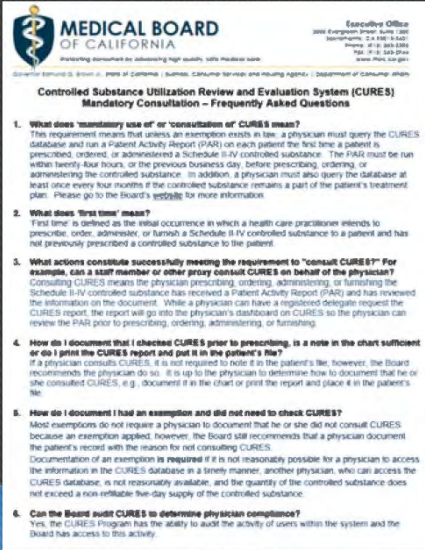
— Health and Safety Code (HSC) § 11165.4(a)(1)(B)

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## FAQs on website: Compilation of questions received



# Questions

