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| **To:** | All Physicians, Psychiatrists, Pharmacists, Dentists, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Optometrists |
| **Subject:** | CURES DATABASE REGISTRATION MANDATE |
|  | As many of you may know, effective January 1st, 2016, California Health and Safety Code, Section 11165.1 will mandate that all California-licensed health care providers authorized to prescribe, order, administer, furnish or dispense Schedule II, III, or IV controlled substances must be registered to access the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System *(CURES)*. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 *(HIPAA)* and all confidentiality and disclosure provisions of California law cover the information contained in CURES. All users must comply with HIPAA Privacy Rule Requirements when using CURES.  Registering for CURES access allows clinicians to online access to patients’ controlled substance histories and quickly review information via Patient Activity Reports *(PAR)* in an effort to identify and deter drug abuse and diversion. This database is a valuable investigative, preventive, and educational tool for the healthcare community, regulatory boards, and law enforcement.  In an effort to assist those clinicians affected by the mandate, we would like to provide the following information and steps. While the Department of Justice is developing a streamlined version of CURES registration that does not require a notary, it is recommended that clinicians take steps to register as soon as possible:  **STEP 1:**  Submit a registration form electronically by going to the website listed below and choosing the correct form.   1. Be sure to provide an email address that you will be checking over the next 72 hours. 2. DO NOT SIGN THE FORM until you are in the presence of a notary or physically visiting a Medical Board office.   Website: [https://pmp.doj.ca.gov/pmpreg/RegistrationType\_input.action#](https://pmp.doj.ca.gov/pmpreg/RegistrationType_input.action)  **STEP2:**  Mail a NOTARIZED signed copy of the printed and signed Application Confirmation to the appropriate address. Non-notarized applications can also be taken in-person to a Medical Board office near you and signed there.  **INCLUDE COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION:**  DEA Registration certificate *(prescribers only)*  Medical or Pharmacist license  Government-issued photo identification |