California Department of Justice
CURES Information Exchange Web Service
Onboarding Procedures

1 INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE

This document outlines the steps necessary to enable machine-to-machine interoperability between Health Information Technology (HIT) systems and California's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) database, the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES). Once the acceptance criteria have been met, the health care organization will be permitted to access CURES data via their HIT system.

BACKGROUND

The CURES Program, within the Justice Data and Investigative Services Bureau (JDISB), grants authorized prescribers and dispensers access to query the CURES database which contains patient prescription history information for Schedule II, III, IV, and V controlled substances dispensed in California. Authorized prescribers and dispensers who meet statutory licensing requirements and have applied for and been approved to access CURES data. Health care practitioners are permitted to use this prescription history to assist them in their efforts to ensure appropriate prescribing, ordering, administering, furnishing, and dispensing of controlled substances.

Pursuant to AB 40, commencing no later than October 1, 2018, approved healthcare practitioners and pharmacists may use either the Department's online portal or a qualified HIT system to access CURES data. While the Department currently maintains an online CURES portal, it lacks system functionality, architecture, and business processes to integrate with HIT systems.

2 RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

The following documents must be reviewed as part of the onboarding process:

1. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

   In accordance with AB40, each entity that operates a HIT system must certify that it has entered into an MOU with the California DOJ. Signatures from the DOJ and the Healthcare Organization are required to enter into the MOU.

2. CURES Information Exchange Web Service Onboarding Questionnaire

   This questionnaire provides necessary information to the DOJ to establish integration with the CURES web service.

3. CURES Information Exchange Web Service Implementation Guide

   This guide provides a comprehensive set of instructions to allow an HIT system to integrate with the CURES web service.

4. Service Level Agreement (SLA)

   The purpose of this agreement is to ensure that the proper elements and commitments are in place to provide consistent IT service support and delivery to the Health care organization by the DOJ.

5. End User Test Plan

   This plan outlines the quality assurance process that will result in the appropriate test scenarios, test status, and results for the CURES web service.

6. Frequently Asked Questions

   This document addresses commonly asked questions regarding integration with the CURES web service.

3 PROCEDURES

1. Review and sign the MOU

2. Review the SLA

3. Complete the CURES Information Exchange Web Service (IEWS) Onboarding Questionnaire

4. Review the CURES Information Exchange Web Service (IEWS) Implementation Guide

5. DOJ will provide a Test common name to the health care organization

6. The health care organization will provide a client certificate to CURES to establish connection to the CURES Test Harness environment. Refer to the CURES IEWS Implementation Guide for details.

7. DOJ will authorize access to the CURES Test Harness environment.

8. The health care organization will implement a solution to integrate with the CURES IEWS application

9. The health care organization will execute connectivity and functional testing in the Test Harness environment

    9.1. Execute End User Test Cases

10. DOJ will provide a Production common name to the health care organization

11. The health care organization will provide a client certificate to CURES to establish connection to the CURES Production environment.
12. DOJ will authorize access to the CURES Production environment