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RE: AB 528 - NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTING DISPENSED CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Assembly Bill (AB) 528 (Low, Chapter 677, Statutes of 2019) introduced new requirements for the reporting of dispensed controlled substances to the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) by a dispensing pharmacy, clinic, or other dispenser. The Department of Justice (DOJ) maintains CURES.

**Beginning January 1, 2021**, the following requirements take effect:

1. A dispensing pharmacy, clinic, or other dispenser must report the information required by Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 11165(d) to the CURES database no more than **one working day** after a controlled substance is released to the patient or the patient's representative, except as specified. However, pursuant to HSC section 11165(i), added by AB 528, veterinarians must report the information required by subdivision (d) to the CURES database as soon as reasonably possible, but not more than seven days after the date a controlled substance is dispensed.

The CURES database will reflect updated dispensation information within 24 - 72 hours from the time a dispenser reports the information.

2. A dispensing pharmacy, clinic, or other dispenser must report the information required by HSC section 11165(d) to the CURES database for **Schedule V** dispensed controlled substances (in addition to Schedules II, III, and IV).

For more information, please see [AB 528](#).

For questions concerning how to report data to CURES, please contact Atlantic Associates, Inc. at [CACures@aainh.com](mailto:CACures@aainh.com) or (800) 539-3370. For other questions, please contact the CURES Program at [cures@doj.ca.gov](mailto:cures@doj.ca.gov) or (916) 210-3187.