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RE: CURES 2.0 Universal Launch and Streamlined Registration

The Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) are pleased to announce substantial milestones in the enhancement of the state's Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES).

Beginning January 8, 2016, the upgraded prescription drug monitoring program – commonly referred to as “**CURES 2.0**” – will be released to all users in compliance with the system's minimum security requirements.<sup>1</sup> This upgraded database offers a significantly improved user experience and features a number of added functionalities, including the ability to delegate report queries and new practitioner-identified patient alerts.

Also beginning January 8, 2016, a streamlined registration process will be implemented for new users. This fully-automated process will enable licensed health care prescribers and pharmacists to request access to CURES and validate their credentials entirely online using a secure web browser.

All health care practitioners authorized to prescribe or dispense Schedule II-IV controlled substances must be registered to use CURES no later than July 1, 2016.<sup>2</sup> To register using the automated system, simply visit [oag.ca.gov/cures](http://oag.ca.gov/cures) and follow the instructions. Registrants will need their state license information and prescribers must provide federal DEA license information to register.

**Learn more:** [oag.ca.gov/cures/faqs](http://oag.ca.gov/cures/faqs)

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<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. Users attempting to access the new CURES 2.0 database with noncompliant web browsers will be redirected to the previous 1.0 system.

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 11165.1 as amended by AB 679 (2015)