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CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY



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RE: AB 528 – UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF SYSTEM ENHANCEMENTS

Assembly Bill (AB) 528 (Low, Chapter 677, Statutes of 2019) expands access and use of the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) by delegates and non-Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) practitioners, effective July 1, 2021.

Given current funding and progress in the regulatory process, implementation of these new features is expected by April 2022:

- A licensed physician and surgeon who does not hold a DEA registration may submit an application for access to the CURES.
- Delegates for approved prescribers, approved pharmacists, and approved licensed physicians and surgeons without DEA registrations, shall be authorized to order and receive the electronic history of controlled substances dispensed to an individual under the practitioner's care through the Web Application*.

*While delegate access through the Web Application will be implemented by April 2022, delegate access through the CURES Information Exchange Web Service (IEWS) requires further software updates. The timeline to complete those updates is undetermined.

For questions, please contact the CURES Program at cures@doj.ca.gov or (916) 210-3187.