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TO: ALL CURES USERS

RE: RELEASE OF THE OPTIMIZED CURES

The California Department of Justice is pleased to announce the release of the optimized Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) on April 11, 2022. CURES was updated to provide an improved user interface and new system features, including functionality mandated through recent legislation.

The following features are included in the optimized CURES web application and/or CURES Information Exchange Web Service (IEWS):

- Expanded **delegate access** to CURES data.
- **Non-DEA licensed physician and surgeon practitioner access** to CURES data.
- **Interstate search** functionality for prescribers, pharmacists, non-DEA licensed physician and surgeon practitioners, and delegates. With the technical changes now in place, data from partner states will become available as DOJ finalizes MOUs (which are currently being processed). You will receive subsequent notifications as each new state is added for interstate searching.
- Inclusion of **prescription form serial number** on Patient Activity Reports (PAR).
- Distinction between human and **animal dispensation** records on the PAR.
- Indicator showing a prescription is a component of a **compound drug**.
- **Improved PAR search** functionality for the previous 24 months of patient prescription dispensation history for prescribers, pharmacists, non-DEA licensed physician and surgeon practitioners, and delegates.
- Inclusion of **morphine milligram equivalents (MME)** information and additional prescriber and pharmacy/dispenser details.
- Ability to **verify a serialized prescription form** was reported as printed by an authorized security prescription printer, and/or reported as lost/stolen by the prescriber, and/or dispensed by a pharmacy/dispenser.
- **New dashboard features** to streamline PAR searches and account management.
- **Improved self-service password** reset process.

As a reminder, due to Microsoft's announcement<sup>1</sup> that they will no longer support Internet Explorer (IE), the CURES web application access through IE will no longer be allowed because of application and data security concerns related to use of an unsupported web browser. The optimized CURES may be accessed using the current versions of the following web browsers: Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Apple Safari, and Mozilla Firefox.

For questions, please contact the CURES Program at [cures@doj.ca.gov](mailto:cures@doj.ca.gov) or (916) 210-3187. You may also wish to visit the CURES web page, [www.oag.ca.gov/cures](http://www.oag.ca.gov/cures), to find helpful resources for enabling the expanded delegate feature.

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<sup>1</sup> Microsoft announcement info here:

<https://techcommunity.microsoft.com/t5/windows-it-pro-blog/internet-explorer-11-desktop-app-retirement-faq/ba-p/2366549>