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# Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

## A Powerful Tool

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>16,000

Prescription Painkiller Overdose Deaths  
(CY 2013)

<http://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/data/index.html>



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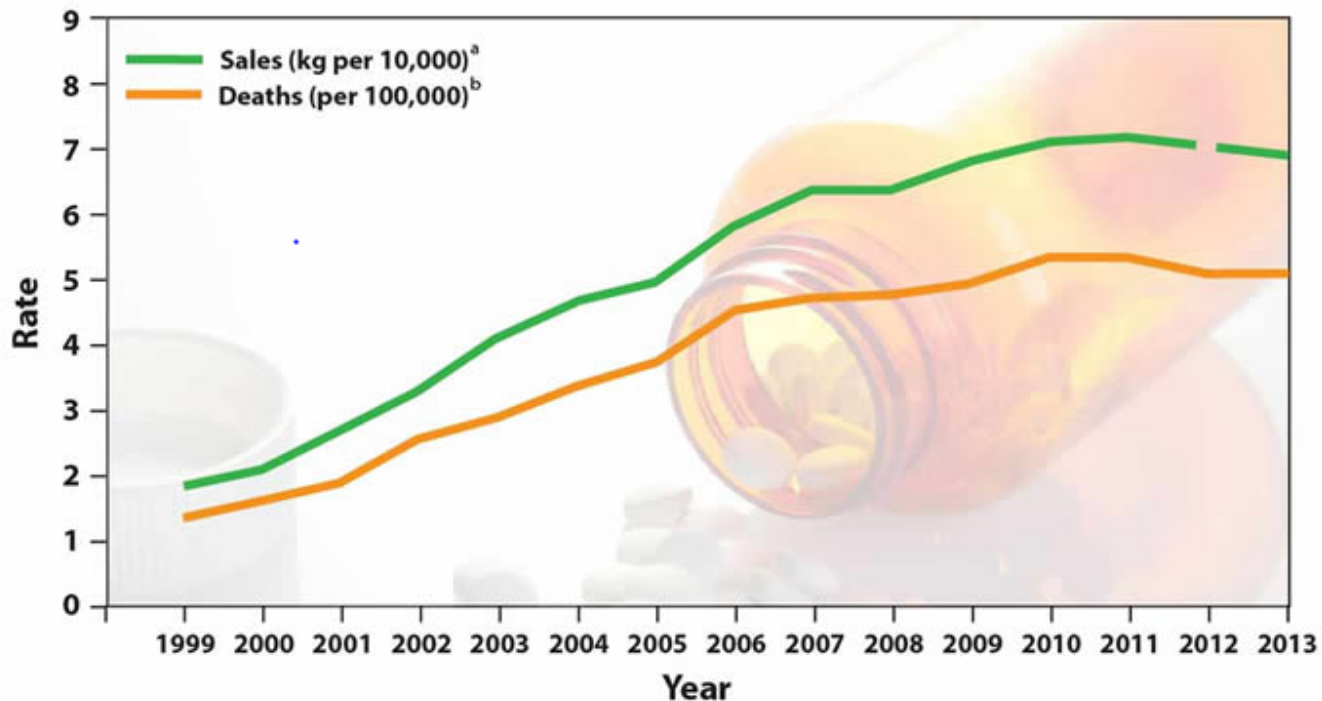
**EVERY DAY**  
**44 PEOPLE** in the U.S.  
**DIE FROM OVERDOSE**  
**of prescription painkillers**  
*...and many more become addicted*

<http://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/epidemic/public.html>



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## Prescription Painkiller Sales and Deaths



Sources:

<sup>a</sup>Automation of Reports and Consolidated Orders System (ARCOS) of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), 2012 data not available.

<sup>b</sup>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. National Vital Statistics System mortality data. (2015) Available from URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/deaths.htm>.

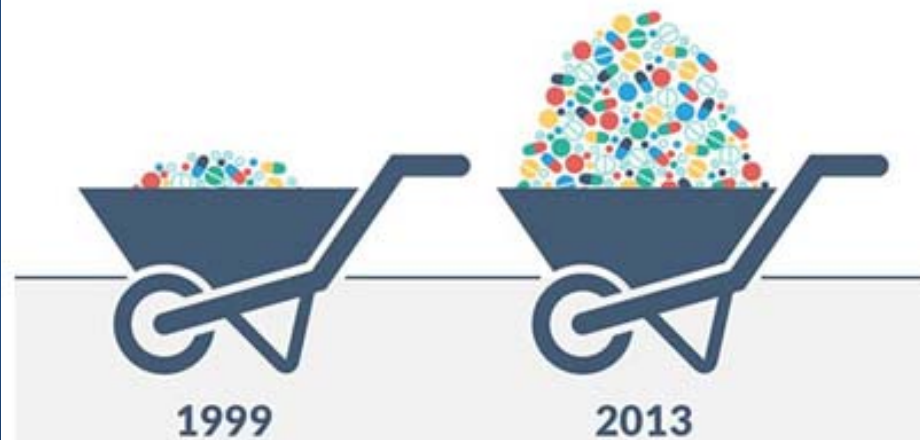
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From 1999 to 2013,  
the amount of prescription painkillers prescribed  
& sold in the U.S. nearly **QUADRUPLED.**



Yet there has not been an overall change in  
the amount of pain that Americans report.

<http://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/epidemic/providers.html>



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## U.S. Air Force Instruction (AFI) 91-104

The “Two Person Concept” is designed to prevent accidental or malicious launch of nuclear weapons by a single individual.





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Two keys to prescription acquisition...

The Prescriber  
The Dispenser

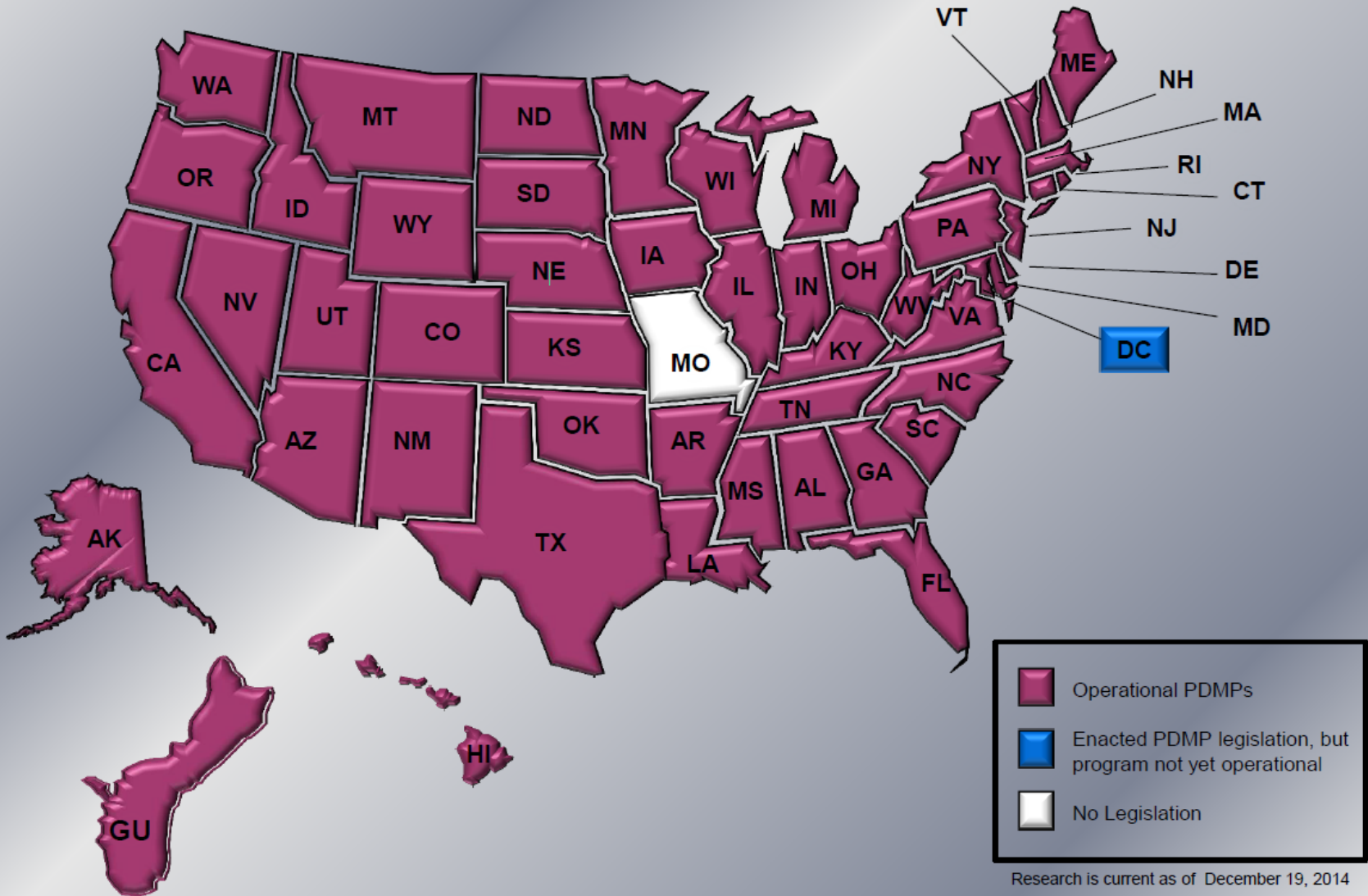


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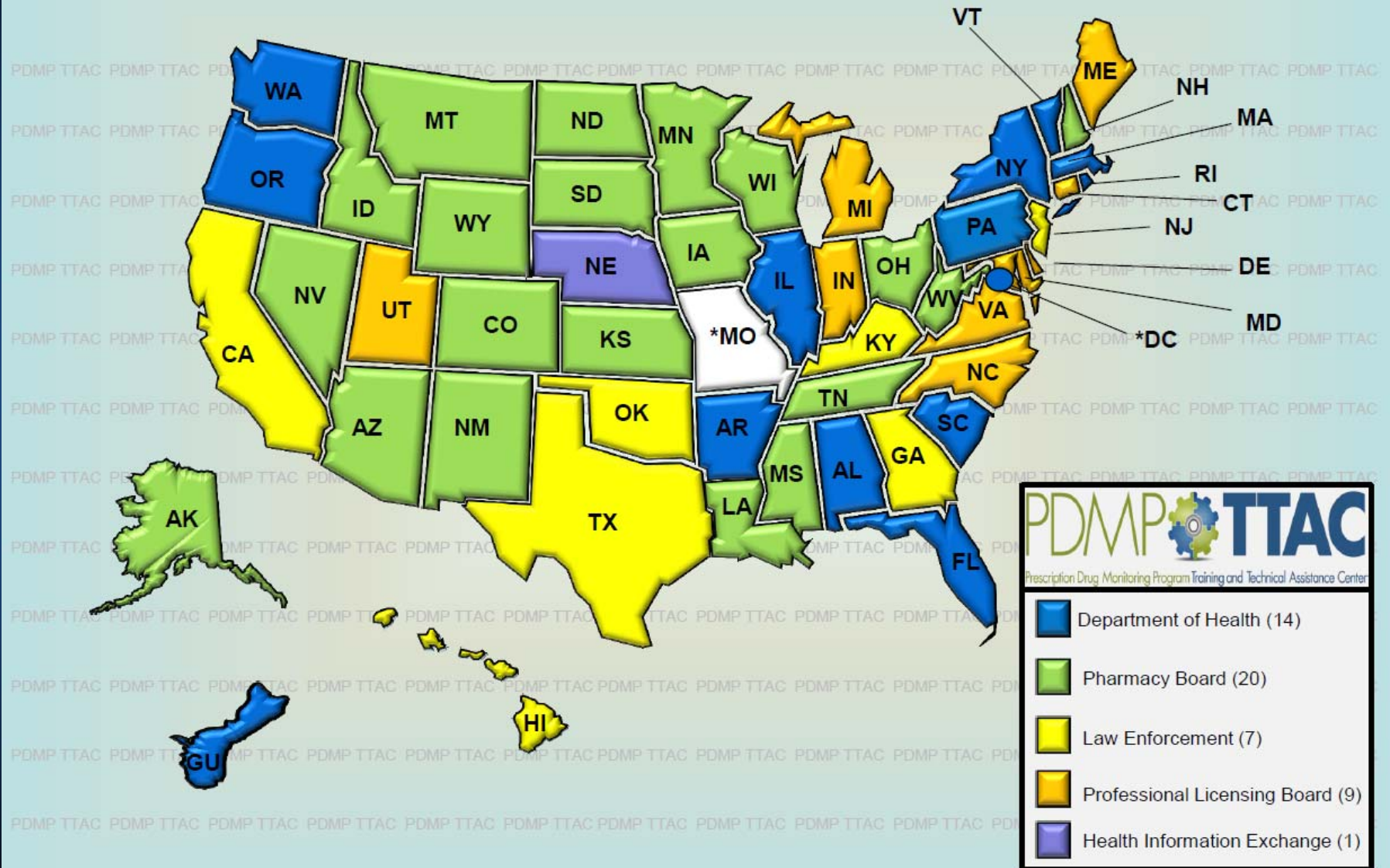
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## Status of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs)

*\* To view PDMP Contact information, hover your cursor over the state abbreviation*



# PDMP By Operating State Agency Type



Research is current as of July 1, 2015

\* DC PDMP is not operational; Missouri does not have PDMP legislation

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## CURES History

- 1939 The California Triplicate Prescription Program (TPP) was created, capturing Schedule II prescription information.
- 1997 CURES was initiated, operating in parallel with the TPP's Automated Triplicate Prescription System (ATPS) to evaluate the comparative efficiencies between the two systems.
- 2005 TPP/ATPS decommissioned after Senate Bill 151 eliminated the triplicate prescription requirement for Schedule II controlled substances, making CURES permanent. Schedule III controlled substance prescription reporting became required.
- 2007 Schedule IV controlled substance prescription reporting became required.
- 2009 PDMP was introduced as a searchable, client-facing component of CURES.
- 2011 The Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement dissolved and the CURES Program was de-funded.
- 2015 CURES 2.0 went live.



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## Relevant Provisions of Law

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)  
& Attendant Regulations

42 U.S.C. §§ 1320d to 1320d-8, and 45 CFR 164, et seq.

California Confidentiality of Medical Information Act  
CA Civil Code §§ 56 to 56.16

California Information Practices Act  
CA Civil Code § 1798, et seq.

CURES Legislation  
CA Health and Safety Code § 11165, et seq.



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# CURES 2.0 **CURES System and Requirements**

Pharmacies and dispensers are required to report dispensations of Schedules II through IV controlled substances to DOJ at least weekly.

*California Health & Safety Code section 11165(d)*

Presently, the database contains over 230 million entries of controlled substance prescriptions dispensed in California.

In order to reflect exactly what dispensers report to DOJ, the department does not touch or modify dispenser-reported data.



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# CURES 2.0 CURES System and Requirements

Access to CURES is restricted to:

Licensed prescribers and licensed pharmacists  
strictly for patients in their direct care

Law enforcement for criminal investigatory  
purposes

Regulatory boards for oversight and disciplinary  
purposes

*California Healthy & Safety Code section 11165(a)*



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# CURES 2.0 CURES System and Requirements

On Sept. 27, 2013, Senate Bill 809 passed requiring prescribers and pharmacists to *apply* for CURES access.

A health care practitioner authorized to prescribe, order, administer, furnish, or dispense Schedule II, Schedule III, or Schedule IV controlled substances...shall, before January 1, 2016, or upon receipt of a federal DEA registration, whichever occurs later, submit an application to obtain approval to access CURES.

*California Healthy & Safety Code section 11165.1 (a)(1)(A)(i)*

A pharmacist shall, before January 1, 2016, or upon licensure, whichever occurs later, submit an application to obtain approval to access CURES.

*California Healthy & Safety Code section 11165.1 (a)(1)(A)(ii)*

Use of CURES by prescribers and dispensers for prescription abuse prevention/intervention is *voluntarily*.



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## PDMP Enrollment

Dentists	37,494
Medical Physicians	128,697
Optometrists	4,939
Osteopathic Physicians	6,376
Physician Assistants	8,520
Podiatrists	1,918
Registered Nurse Midwives (Furnishing)	778
Registered Nurse Practitioners (Furnishing)	12,125
Veterinarians	10,985
Prescribers	174,338
Pharmacists	38,293

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**TOTAL 212,631**

**PDMP Registrants 52,134**

*(As of 09/15/2015)*



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## CURES Registration

# 24.52%

September 15, 2015  
52,134 Registrants

# 606.2%

December, 2011  
8,600 Registrants



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## CURES 2.0 System

CURES 2.0 went live on July 1, 2015.

### CURES 2.0 Soft Launch and Phased Rollout

## CURES 2.0



June 30, 2015

The Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) are pleased to announce that the state's new Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System – commonly referred to as "CURES 2.0" – will go live on July 1, 2015. This upgraded prescription drug monitoring program features a variety of performance improvements and added functionality.

In order to ensure a smooth transition from the current system, CURES 2.0 will be rolled out to users in phases over the next several months, beginning with early adoption by a select group of users who currently use CURES and meet the CURES 2.0 security standards, including minimum browser specifications.\*\* DOJ is currently identifying prescribers and dispensers who meet these criteria and will contact and coordinate their enrollment into CURES 2.0. For all other current users, access to CURES 1.0 will not change and no action is needed at this time. For users and entities not currently enrolled in CURES, further notification will be provided in August as to the enrollment/registration process.

Practitioners and health systems should begin to prepare for universal adoption of the system by January 2016, at which point all users will be required to meet CURES 2.0's security standards. If you have any questions please contact [cures@doj.ca.gov](mailto:cures@doj.ca.gov).

Thank you for your continued support of the CURES program.

\*\*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.

CURES Contact Information: [cures@doj.ca.gov](mailto:cures@doj.ca.gov) or (916) 227-3843

## Soft Launch and Phased Rollout

## Internet Web Browser Requirement

- Microsoft Internet Explorer 11 or greater
- Google Chrome
- Mozilla Firefox
- Safari



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### User Registration

Prescriber & Dispenser

**Application Instructions**

To submit this application, complete the following steps:

To begin your CURES registration, please enter and then confirm your email address. This should be an email account to which only you have access. The email address you select will be the exclusive email address from which you will receive CURES-related correspondence.

If you are with a law enforcement agency or regulatory board and need CURES access, please contact CURES Help Desk at (916) 227-3843 or email to [CURES@doj.ca.gov](mailto:CURES@doj.ca.gov).

**Applicant's Email Confirmation**

Note: All fields with (\*) are required.

User Role: \*

License Issued By: \*  California Department of Consumer Affairs  An Agency outside of California

Email Address: \*

Confirm Email: \*

**Application Validation**

Type the text

Privacy & Terms CAPTCHA

Accessibility | Change Text Size | CURES 2.0 Feedback Form | Disclaimer

Existing CURES 1.0 users do not need to re-register for CURES 2.0.

Select "User Role"

License Issued by:

- CA DCA
- Agency outside of CA


Enter email address (twice)

Enter CAPTCHA



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## CURES 2.0 Registration

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Applicant receives an email with instructions and link to the Registration page.

*The email link is valid for 90 days.*

CA licensees will no longer need to notarize and mail paper applications.

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### User Registration Form

Prescriber & Dispenser

**Application Instructions**

To submit an application, complete this online application form.  
After successful submission of this application form, you will be notified via email of acceptance or denial.  
Important Note: All fields with (\*) are required.  
For assistance, contact the CURES Help Desk at (516) 227-3843 or [CURES@doj.ca.gov](mailto:CURES@doj.ca.gov).

**Applicant Information**

Role:  Prescriber  Dispenser Title:

First Name: \*  Last Name: \*

Middle Name:  Suffix:

Date of Birth: \*

Social Security Number  Individual Tax Identification Number

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Licensing State:  License Type: \*

Licensing Board: \*  State License #: \*  [Help On Format](#)

DEA#: \*  Email:

**Security Questions**

Security Question 1 \*

Answer \*

Security Question 2 \*

Answer \*

Security Question 3 \*

Answer \*

Security Question 4 \*

Answer \*

Security Question 5 \*

Answer \*

Help Desk Question 1 \*





Answer \*

Help Desk Question 2 \*

Answer \*


**Application Validation**

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### User Registration Confirmation

Prescriber & Dispenser

**Application Instructions**

Your Confirmation Number is : **CACURES502980**

Print this application immediately for your records by clicking on the Print button.

**Review Applicant Information**

Role:	Prescriber	Title:	
First Name:	John	Middle Name:	
Last Name:	Doe	Suffix:	
Date of Birth:	7/18/1982	Email Address:	jeff.lynych@doj.ca.gov
SSN:	666-66-6666	ITIN:	
Licensing State:	CA	Licensing Board:	Board of Optometry
License Type:	Doctor of Optometry (OD)	State License#:	22222
DEA#:	Ab1234567		

**Certification Of Terms and Conditions**

The California Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) mission is to reduce pharmaceutical drug diversion while promoting legitimate medical practice and patient care. The Controlled Substance Utilization Review & Evaluation System (CURES) accommodates Schedule II through IV controlled substance prescription dispensation information for facilitating diversion awareness and intervention. It is assumed prescribers and pharmacists dedicate their professional skills to identify and assist controlled substance abusers.

Prescribing practitioners and dispensers must treat this information in accordance with the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the California Confidentiality of Medical Information Act and Health & Safety Code section 11165(c). Law enforcement users must obtain, use and share this information with criminal justice partners only in conjunction with criminal investigative matters. This data shall not be disclosed, sold, or transferred to any third party.

Any other use of this information is strictly prohibited.

Users of the information herein must know, understand and abide by these provisions.

The Department of Justice (DOJ) limits access and dissemination of this information to licensed prescribers, licensed dispensers, law enforcement personnel and regulatory board personnel strictly for patient care or official investigatory/regulatory purposes. DOJ pursues regulatory and/or criminal sanctions for misuse of CURES information.

Logging into CURES signifies you understand and agree to these terms.

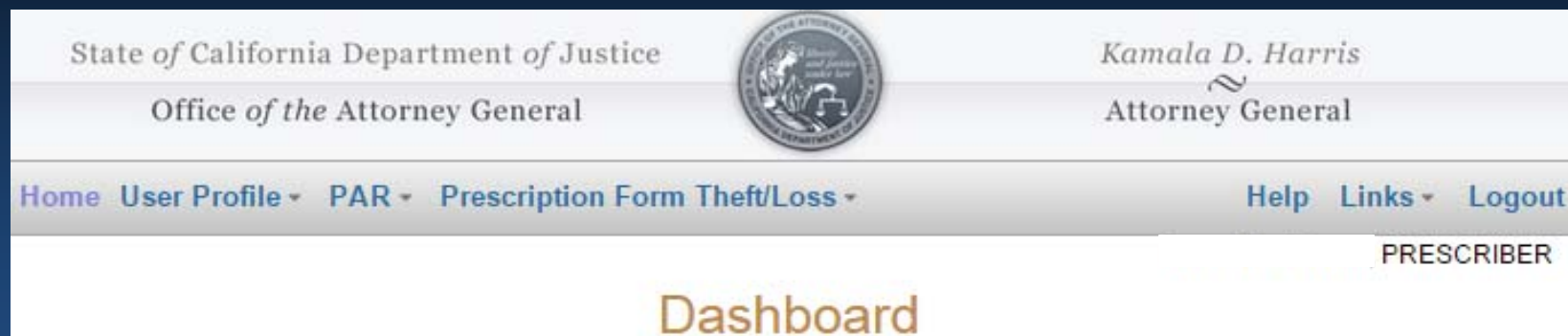
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Approved users are sent an Email with their User ID and link to validate identification.

Then the user is sent an email with their Temporary Password.

Upon first-time login, the user must reset their Password and complete their profile.





### User Profile Management

- Update Profile
- Manage Delegates
- Change Password

### Patient Activity Reports (PARs)

- PDF or Download to Excel
- Saved Searches

### Prescription Form Theft/Loss

- Report
- View Self-reports





### Delegates

Prescribers and dispensers register delegates and assume responsibility for delegates' use of CURES 2.0.

Delegates may initiate PAR searches on behalf of their "Parent" prescriber or dispenser.

Prescribers and dispensers may have several delegates. And delegates can support several prescribers and dispensers.

Delegates are deleted when they have not been associated with any CURES users for 30 days or if the delegate has not logged into CURES for 12 months.





## CURES 2.0 Features

### Compacts

Providers can flag patients within CURES 2.0 with whom they have an exclusivity compact. Users can view if a compact exists for a patient.

### Peer-to-Peer Communication

Users can view prescriber contact information on PAR Details pages. Prescribers and dispensers can send messages to prescribers within CURES 2.0.

*Contact information is based on CURES enrollment.*



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PRESCRIBER

### Dashboard

#### Favorites

[Create New Patient Activity Report](#)

Title	Query Type	Action
No records found.		

#### Alerts

Alert Type **1 2 3 4 5**

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#### Prescriber Messages

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#### Bulletins & Advisories

##### Bulletins

No records found.

##### Advisories

No records found.

#### Statistics

[CURES Statistics and Data Trends](#)

## Alerts

Based on patterns indicative of at-risk patient behavior.

*Alerts are informational and providers must determine if any action is necessary.*



### Alerts

1. Currently prescribed more than 100 mme per day.
2. Obtained prescriptions from 6 or more prescribers or pharmacies in the last 6 months.
3. Currently prescribed 40 or more mme of Methadone daily.
4. Currently prescribed Opioids more than 90 consecutive days.
5. Currently prescribed both Benzodiazepines and Opioids.

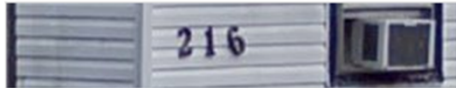



• = Required

User ID CUTESTTH1  
First Name Cures Last Name TestThree

[DOJ Password Policy](#)  
Minimum length - 8  
Can not include first or last name  
Must contain at least 3 of the following 4 categories:  
English uppercase characters (A through Z)  
English lowercase characters (a through z)  
Base 10 digits (0 through 9)  
Nonalphanumeric characters (e.g., !, \$, #, %)  
Reuse - can not use last 24 passwords  
Expiration - 90 days

•Password  •Confirm Password

•Captcha    
Type the text  [Privacy & Terms](#)


Password resets are required every 90 days.


Reminder emails and on-screen warnings will be presented to the user prior to password expiration.

Warning Authorized Users Only

Username

Password

 [Forgot your Password?](#)

 [Forgot your ID?](#)

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## CURES 2.0 Resources

User Guide

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## CURES 2.0

CURES 2.0 registration is coming soon.

Practitioners and health systems should begin to prepare for CURES 2.0 by meeting CURES 2.0 security standards, i.e. ...UPDATE YOUR WEB BROWSERS.

- Microsoft Internet Explorer 11 or greater
- Google Chrome
- Mozilla Firefox
- Safari



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