

Controlled Substance  
Utilization  
Review  
Evaluation  
System

# CURES 2.0

HCCA Regional Compliance Conference  
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## Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Implementation Challenges
- Mandatory CURES Consultation (Legal Requirements, Education, Communication, Technology Solutions)
- Exemptions
- Roundtable Discussion with Questions



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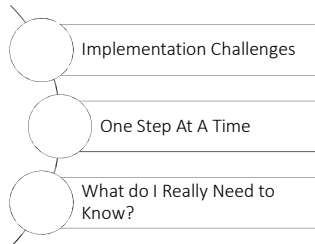
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## CURES: The Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System



- What is CURES?
- Who has access?
- What is the intent?

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## Who Must Register for CURES?

- Physicians (MD or DO)
- Podiatrists
- Nurse Practitioners
- Physician Assistants
- Certified Nurse Mid-Wives
- Optometrists



**NOTE:** If you have a DEA number, you are required to sign up for and have an active CURES account. There are no exceptions to this requirement.

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## CURES (SB 482)

- Effective Date: October 2, 2018
- Health Care practitioners must consult CURES before prescribing, ordering, administering, furnishing or dispensing **ALL** Schedule II, IIN, III, IIIN, or IV) controlled substances to a patient:
  - for the first time and;
  - at least once every four months if the drug remains part of the treatment plan.



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**Clinicians are exempt from checking CURES:**



1. Admitted Patients in hospital, procedural sedation sites, SNF sites
2. Emergency Department
3. Surgical Procedures
4. Hospice
5. Not Reasonably Possible to Check CURES
6. CURES is not Operational (Technical Challenges)
7. Physician Determination

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**Workflow for Checking CURES (if exemptions don't apply)**



CURES must be checked within 24 hours or the previous day before ALL Schedule II, Schedule III, or Schedule IV controlled substances are prescribed, ordered, administered or furnished.

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**Best Practices: Use Toolbar to Access CURES Quickly**



The toolbar is your Virtual Delegate and quickest and easiest way to access CURES.

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- What do I do if the CURES database reveals that my patient is taking other controlled substances?
- What do I do with the Patient Activity Report (PAR) generated from CURES?

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### Consulting CURES: Documentation



Use this optional dot phrase to aid in documentation: `.CURES CHECKED`

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### What happens if I don't meet an exemption and don't check CURES?

-  State Professional Licensing Board for administrative actions  
[Health and Safety Code Section 11165.4(d)(1)]
-  DOJ (Department of Justice)
-  MBC (Medical Board of California)

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## CURES: Helpful Technical Solutions

TPMG technology team has created the following technical solutions to help with compliance:

- Smart Phrases
- Toolbar Jump buttons
- Toolbar button to add KPHC Sticky Note for the "Last CURES check:"
- KPHC E-prescribing screen



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## CURES: Action Requested

- Confirm that you have an active CURES account.



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- Who do I contact if I'm having trouble accessing my CURES account?



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In conclusion...



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### Upcoming Resources/Contact

- FAQ
- Tip Sheets
- Weekly Tips
- Smart phrases
- List of controlled substances and additional information can be found on the: [TPMG Regional Compliance wiki](#)

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