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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System

What is CURES?

- The CURES Program is the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program for the state of California.

- The CURES database contains information about Schedule II, III, IV, and V controlled substance prescriptions dispensed to patients, as reported by those dispensers.

- CURES data reflects dispensing information reported to the Department of Justice. The reporting dispenser creates and owns the prescription records submitted. The Department of Justice is a custodian of the aggregated prescription records.

CURES's Purpose

Health and Safety Code § 11165(a) requires the Department of Justice to maintain the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES):

- To assist **health care practitioners** in their efforts to ensure appropriate prescribing, ordering, administering, furnishing, and dispensing of controlled substances.
- To assist **law enforcement** and **regulatory agencies** in their efforts to control the diversion and resultant abuse of Schedule II, Schedule III, Schedule IV and Schedule V controlled substances.
- And for statistical analysis, education, and research.

Registered Users

As of July 8, 2024:

Role	Count
Prescriber	186,814
Pharmacist	52,713
Non-DEA Practitioner	17,138
Delegate	5,653
Law Enforcement Officials	1,766
Regulatory Agency Officials	282
Total	264,366

IBM API Gateway Implementation

- Performance improvements
- Security enhancements
- Improved scalability
- High availability – load balancing and fault tolerance
- Enhanced monitoring

Ping Identity Integration

- Federated identity management
- Improved security
- Single sign on (SSO)
- Multi-factor authentication

Analytical Tools and Reports

- Research and analysis of various analytical tools
- SAS Visual Analytics tool usage and reports enhancements
- Collaboration with SAS consultants to improve analytical reports
- Performance improvements to CURES SAS infrastructure

Questions