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California's New Online Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

Since the high profile accidental deaths of Michael Jackson, Heath Ledger, and Anna Nicole Smith, polypharmacy and the possibility of "doctor shopping" for controlled substances have raised prescriber accountability questions. You can protect both your patient and your practice by pre-registering and using California's **new online** Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) to see all Schedule II - V medications prescribed for your patient by all treaters.

The online Prescription Drug Monitoring Program allows immediate, real-time access to the controlled substance data including your patient's name, date of birth, drug name, form, strength, quantity, pharmacy name, pharmacy number, and the prescribing physician information.

This updated system replaces the current fax and phone-based CURES PAR request forms which resulted in multi-day delays for the inquiring physician.

Registration is completed through the following two-step process:

1. Prescribers and pharmacists must first **register** by submitting an application electronically at <https://pmp.doj.ca.gov/pmpreg/>.
2. Registration must be followed up with a signed copy of your application and **notarized copies** of your validating documentation which include:
 - a. Drug Enforcement Administration Registration,
 - b. State Medical License or State Pharmacy License, and
 - c. a government-issued identification. Mail your application and notarized documents to:

Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement (BNE)
Attn: PDMP Registration
P.O. Box 160447
Sacramento, CA 95816

You also have the option of registering in person. Forgo the notary and present your documents at one of the [nine BNE Regional Office locations](#). The sworn personnel will validate and collect your supporting documentation.

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