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To: Sharp Health Plan Providers
Attn: Providers and Provider Office Staff
From: Sharp Health Plan
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Subject: **Important CURES Mandatory Use Requirement Effective October 2, 2018**

Attention Provider Partner:

The Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) was certified for statewide use by the Department of Justice (DOJ) on April 2, 2018. Therefore, all health care practitioners are required to consult CURES prior to prescribing, ordering, administering, or furnishing a Schedule II-IV controlled substance effective October 2, 2018.

Who is required to consult CURES?

Any health care practitioner authorized to prescribe, order, administer, or furnish a controlled substance, including allopathic or osteopathic surgeon, certified nurse midwife (furnishing), dentist, naturopathic doctor, nurse practitioner, optometrist, physician assistant, and podiatrist.

When must you consult CURES?

- The first time a patient is prescribed, ordered, administered, or furnished a controlled substance.
- Within the twenty-four hour period, or the previous business day, before prescribing, ordering, administering, or furnishing a controlled substance, unless one of the exemptions apply. Refer to the website below for applicable exemptions.
- Before subsequently prescribing a controlled substance, if previously exempt.
- At least once every four months if the controlled substance remains a part of the patient's treatment plan.

You may visit http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Prescribing/CURES/Mandatory_Use.aspx to obtain additional information regarding the new CURES mandate and applicable exemptions. Please contact SHP Customer Care at (858) 499-8300 if you have any questions.

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