

## **PRESCRIBERS' DIRECT DISPENSING LOG INFORMATION**

Newly enacted legislation within the prescription law requires all practitioners and prescribers, including veterinarians, to report directly dispensed controlled substances to the Department of Justice, CURES program.

Effective January 1, 2005, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 11190 and Business and Professions Code Section 4170, all licensees who dispense Schedule II and III controlled substances must provide the dispensing information to the Department of Justice on a monthly basis by using the Prescribers' Direct Dispensing Log. For veterinarians, please use the direct dispense form for Veterinarians' Use Only. The Department of Justice will also be able to receive in electronic format the direct dispense data by following the Direct Dispense Data Specifications.

The Prescribers' Direct Dispensing Log, Direct Dispensing Logs for Veterinarians Use Only, and the Direct Dispense Data Specifications were designed to aid physicians/prescribers and veterinarians in fulfilling Business and Professions Code Section 4170 as well as the Health and Safety Code reporting requirements. Information must be mailed via CD-Rom or by hard copy to: CURES Program, P.O. Box 160447, Sacramento, California 95816.

The prescribers' log contains the following information:

- The prescriber's name, address, telephone number, category of licensure and license number, and federal controlled substance registration (DEA#).
- Date of dispensing.
- Numeric quantity of controlled substance dispensed.
- Drug name.
- NDC (National Drug Code) number of the controlled substance dispensed.
- Strength of the prescription.
- Patient's full name.
- Date of birth.
- Rx number.
- Gender Code.(Code: male =1/female=2).
- ICD-9 Code (diagnosis code), if available.
- Patient's address.
- Date submitted.

The veterinarians' log contains the following information:

- The prescriber's name, address, telephone number, license number, and federal controlled substance registration (DEA#).
- Date of dispensing.
- Numeric quantity of controlled substance dispensed.
- Drug name.
- NDC (National Drug Code) number of the controlled substance dispensed.
- Strength of the prescription.
- Client's full name.
- Client's gender (Code: male =1/female =2).
- Client's date of birth (if available).
- Client's address.
- Animal patient's name
- Date submitted.

When submitting your data electronically, please note there are two separate Direct Dispense Data Specifications formats, one is exclusively formatted for Veterinarians use only and the other one is for general (physicians/prescriber's) who direct dispense. Also, when submitting your data the direct dispense data must be in a text file format and the record layout must be in the order as specified in the Direct Dispense Data Specifications.

Practitioners/prescribers are not responsible for reporting to CURES if they only administer Schedule II and III controlled substances.

For further information please contact the CURES Program at (916) 319-9062.