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Re: California's Prescription Monitoring Program (CURES)

Dear Clinic/Practitioner/Veterinarian/Pharmacy:

The Department of Justice (DOJ) awarded the contract for the collection of controlled substance prescription data as defined in Health & Safety Code section 11165 to Infinite Solutions, Inc. (ISI). Since January 1, 2009, over seven thousand Clinics, Practitioners, Veterinarians, and Pharmacies have registered and are submitting prescription data to ISI. Thank you for your support and commitment to the CURES program.

The DOJ is committed to improving the means by which controlled substance data is collected. With the DOJ's direction and approval, ISI has incorporated several new and essential features into the data collection process that provides significant benefits to Clinics, Practitioners, Veterinarians, and Pharmacies that are reporting their direct dispense controlled substance data. The DOJ is moving towards electronic solutions that will simplify and improve the current method by which the direct dispense data is collected. The DOJ highly encourages the submission of controlled substance data in electronic ASAP 2005 format.

Online Reporting Application (Direct Dispense Application)

Beginning July 1, 2009, ISI will collect direct dispense controlled substance data from Clinics, Practitioners, Veterinarians, and Pharmacies through an Online Reporting Application (ORA). Users can eliminate the submission of mail or faxed forms by reporting their direct dispense controlled substance data through ORA.

Registration with ISI

Clinics, Practitioners, Veterinarians, and Pharmacies are required to register with ISI prior to submitting their controlled substance using the ORA. Each registered user can sign up for a user name and password to submit their data to the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement (BNE). Registration forms can be found at www.infinitecures.com or www.4infinitesolutions.com/cures beginning 06/15/2009.

Paper/fax CURES data

With the launch of the ORA on July 1, 2009, the DOJ will continue accepting mailed or faxed direct dispense forms until **November 1, 2009**. Direct dispense data from Clinics, Practitioners, and Veterinarians can be mailed to CURES at P.O. Box 160447, Sacramento, California 95816 or fax to (916) 319-9448 during this interim period only.

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Pharmacies submitting direct dispense forms should mail them to ISI at 5, Parkcenter Drive, Ste 110, Sacramento, Ca 95825, or fax to (916) 720-0431 during this interim period only. Users submitting data in the electronic ASAP 2005 format should continue uploading data through FTP/sftp or Web Upload. Pharmacies submitting paper records that fall outside of the below law, should use the ASAP 2005 version 3.0 format. The California Code of Regulations, Division 17, Title 16, Article 2 section 1715.5 (b)(3) states impart that“For each pharmacy which submits hard copy pursuant to this subdivision and which pharmacy averages more than 25 triplicate prescriptions per month in any six months, the Board of Pharmacy or its designee may thereafter require that pharmacy to comply with subsections (b)(1) and (2).”

Section 1715.5 (b) states “The above information shall be provided in the following format:” (1) “For each pharmacy with the capacity to do so, by on-line transmission at least every 30 days and no later than the 18th calendar day of the month following the month in which the prescription is dispensed.” and (2) “For each pharmacy which does not have the capacity to transmit the information on-line, on a three and one-half inch diskette in a ASCII format or one-half inch nine track magnetic 1600 BPI tape or any other medium approved by the Board of Pharmacy, which diskette, tape or medium shall be mailed or delivered to a location specified by The Board of Pharmacy, at least every 30 days and no later than the 18th calendar day of the month following the month in which the prescription is dispensed.”

Zero fill Reports

Clinics, Practitioners, Veterinarians, and Pharmacies are required to report zero fill when there is no controlled substance data to report. This is a mandatory weekly reporting requirement that cannot be reported in advance. In an effort to simplify the way you report zero fill, ISI has created a user friendly Zero Fill reporting tool online. Please note that Zero Fill reporting is for Clinics, Practitioners, Veterinarians, and Pharmacies that have previously dispensed and reported controlled substances to the BNE.

Data Submission and Validation process

ISI validates controlled substance prescription data submitted by Clinics, Practitioners, Veterinarians, and Pharmacies using a validation criteria established by the BNE. ISI performs the validations and accepts data that meets the established BNE criteria and rejects data that doesn't. Errors and warnings are generated if the submitted data does not meet the validation criteria. Pharmacies are currently being notified by ISI regarding the errors and warnings by email. The goal is to assist Clinics, Practitioners, Veterinarians, and Pharmacies submit controlled substance data with minimal effort and without errors. Should an error be generated, the Board of Pharmacy and the BNE advises that it must be corrected within 14 days and will be unavailable for correction thereafter.

The following applications are being launched to improve the current processes:

Online File Status Application

ISI will launch the Online File Status Application (OFSA) on June 15, 2009. When users log into www.infinitecures.com they will be able to view the status of their online

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submissions. Details of the file status, errors and warnings can be viewed as part of this application.

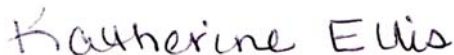
Error Correction Application

Registered users will have the option to correct errors and warnings instantly online using the Error Correction Application (ECA). This application allows the users to validate data instantly against the database before it is submitted for processing. This application allows users to address any errors/warnings in the data submitted without resubmitting the entire ASAP batch file. Clinics, Practitioners, Veterinarians, and Pharmacies that prefer to submit corrected data through other means (ftp/sftp/direct upload) may continue to do so.

Should you have any questions please contact **ISI at (916) 641-0500 (office) or (916) 679-5720 (CURES support) or by email at curessupport@4infinitesolutions.com**. ISI's mailing address is 5 Parkcenter Drive, Suite 110, Sacramento, California, 95825. You may also visit ISI's website at www.4infinitesolutions.com/cures where you can find updated information regarding the submission of controlled substance data to the DOJ.

If you have any further questions or need additional information you may visit the Attorney General's website at www.ag.ca.gov or contact the CURES Program at (916) 319-9062.

Sincerely,



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