

Updated Prescription Pad Security Requirements

Starting January 1, 2021, California state law requires 15 security elements, including a 12-character serial number and corresponding barcode, to appear on California Security Prescription Forms. State law also requires California Security Prescription Forms to be produced by printers approved by the California Department of Justice's California Security Prescription Printers Program. (Link: <https://oag.ca.gov/security-printers>)

The Dental Board of California urges licensees to verify their prescription forms are compliant with state law prior to issuing prescriptions. Prescribers who do not possess these prescription pads are encouraged to place an order as soon as possible from a Security Prescription Printer (Link: <https://oag.ca.gov/security-printers/approved-list>) approved by the Department of Justice. Doing so will help ensure you receive compliant prescription pads in a timely manner.

California-approved security printers have been issuing these prescription pads since the beginning of 2020. Starting January 1, 2021, except for limited emergency situations, pharmacists will be unable to fill a controlled substances prescription that is not on a compliant form.

For more information, please refer to the AB 149 Joint Statement.

View Here: <https://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/pdmp/ab149-joint-statement.pdf>

Revised Reporting Requirements for Controlled Substances

Beginning January 1, 2021, the dispensing of a controlled substance must be reported to the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) within one working day after the medication is released to the patient or the patient's representative. Previously, the deadline to report was seven days after dispensing.

Further, this law requires reporting the dispensing of Schedule V drugs, in addition to Schedules II, III, and IV. This requirement applies to pharmacists and prescribers who dispense controlled substances.

For more information, please refer to the AB 528 Joint Statement

View Here: https://www.dca.ca.gov/licensees/ab_528_statement.pdf