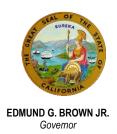


## State of California—Health and Human Services Agency California Department of Public Health



November 29, 2017 AFL 17-25

**TO:** All Health Care Facilities

**SUBJECT:** Assembly Bill (AB) 1048 Health care: Pain Management and Schedule

**II Drug Prescriptions** 

**AUTHORITY:** Health and Safety Code section (HSC) 1254.7(b)

## All Facilities Letter (AFL) Summary

This AFL informs health facilities of the chaptering of AB 1048 that deletes
provisions requiring health facilities to perform pain assessments concurrently
with the collection of vital signs and provides pharmacists with partial fill
authority, as specified.

## **Pain Assessments**

Effective January 1, 2018, AB 1048 (Chapter 615, Statutes of 2017) removes the requirement that health facilities licensed by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) assess pain concurrently with the collection of patient vital signs. The bill retains the requirement to assess patient pain but does not specify when the assessment will take place.

Removal of the requirement to assess patient pain along with vital signs allows facilities to create their own policies and procedures surrounding pain assessment and management, consistent with clinical practice.

## **Partial Fill Authority**

Effective July 1, 2018, AB 1048 authorizes licensed pharmacists to dispense Schedule II substances as a partial fill prescription at the request of either the patient or the prescriber. This bill also establishes storage, reporting, and recording requirements.

For information regarding AB 1048's requirements for licensed pharmacists in health facilities, please contact the California State Board of Pharmacy (BoP) at:



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> California State Board of Pharmacy 1625 North Market Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95834 (916) 574-7900

You may also visit BoP's website at: <a href="http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/">http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/</a>

CDPH's failure to expressly notify facilities of statutory or regulatory requirements does not relieve facilities of their responsibility for following all laws and regulations. Facilities should refer to the full text of all applicable sections of the Health and Safety Code and the California Code of Regulations to ensure compliance.

If you have questions, please contact your local Licensing and Certification district office (DO). DO contact information is located at:

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/DistrictOffices.aspx

Sincerely,

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