

MEDICAL BOARD STAFF REPORT

DATE REPORT ISSUED: August 9, 2022
ATTENTION: Members, Medical Board of California
SUBJECT: Update on the Revision to the Guidelines on
Prescribing Controlled Substances
STAFF CONTACT: Susan Cady, AGPA (Executive Staff)

REQUESTED ACTION:

This report is intended to provide Members with an update on the revision to the guidelines on prescribing controlled substances.

UPDATE:

The draft Guidelines on Prescribing Controlled Substances and the agenda for the Interested Parties Meeting were posted to the Board's website on June 15, 2022. The draft guidelines were also distributed directly to various medical societies, the Society of Addiction Medicine, California Primary Care Association, academic pain management departments and consumer groups to solicit feedback and input. The Interested Parties meeting was held on July 14, 2022, and comments were received from patients, patient advocate groups, individual physicians, and physician organizations. Executive staff met to review the feedback received and develop a strategy to address the comments/concerns received. The draft guidelines are in the process of being updated and it is expected that additional consultation with subject matter experts will be sought.

TASK FORCE:

When the draft guidelines have been updated, a meeting will be scheduled with the Task Force to review the changes and provide direction in addressing or resolving areas of conflict between various stakeholders. It is anticipated that the draft will be finalized for the board meeting in December.