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Dear Patient,

This is a letter to inform you of the changes in California law regulating the prescription of controlled substances. A controlled substance includes opiate medications (pain medications), medications for anxiety, sleeping medications, anabolic steroids (testosterone), appetite stimulants (Marinol), amongst others.

Due to the new Controlled Substance Utilization Review (CURES) law, which became effective October 2, 2018, Mercy Doctors Medical Group cannot refill most controlled substances if not seen in the office within 120 days. Additionally, opiate prescription medications require office visits every 90 days to comply with this law.

Refills will be made only during regular office hours of Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm. No refills on nights, holidays, or weekends. You must call at least three working days ahead Monday to Friday to ask for refill of your medicine.

Our providers will follow to California law fully. This may result in more frequent office visits for some of our patients, a delay in refills in order to meet all the requirements and referrals to specialists if treatment goals are not met. We will do our best to provide excellent care for our patients and to accommodate their needs with these changes in health care.

Please feel free to discuss any concerns you may have with your provider on your next office visit.

Respectfully,

Mercy Doctors Medical Group

Note: For patients on chronic opiate pain medication, you may be asked to sign a pain contract and may be subject to periodic urine toxicology screen.