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### **California Medication Error Reporting (CAMER) Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4113.1**

Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 4113.1 establishes requirements for a community pharmacy to report medication errors to an entity approved by the Board. The statute requiring medication error reporting can be viewed at [BPC section 4113.1](#).

In September 2024, the Board approved the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP), an ECRI Company, as the entity to receive and review medication error reports under BPC section 4113.1.

Consistent with its commitment to keep licensees apprised of implementation activities, in April 2025, the Board announced the availability of information about how community pharmacies can register with ISMP to report medication errors to the California Medication Error Reporting (CAMER) system.

To continue its communication with licensees, the Board advises licensees that medication errors that occur on or after **September 1, 2025**, must be reported to the CAMER system consistent with legal requirements established.

The Board is also providing the data elements for the CAMER system, which are based on the AHRQ Common Formats for Community Pharmacies and which include the following:

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| • Pharmacy Unique Identifier (to be established by ISMP)**                           | • Type of prescription  |
| • Type of pharmacy**   | • Prescriber type   |
| • Location of pharmacy**   | • Type of event   |
| • Report date  | • Stage of process where error occurred   |
| • Date of incident   | • Was there technology involved   |
| • Type of patient  | • Type of staff involved  |
| • Age of patient   | • Staffing at the time the event occurred or on the date the incident occurred* |
| • Sex of patient   | • Volume of work on the date of the incident*                                   |
| • Ethnicity of patient*  | • Patient harm  |
| • Patient's insurance type   | • Contributing factors  |
| • Type of drugs/biologics  | • Narrative description of event  |
| • Medication involved (drug name, strength and quantity prescribed, use RxNorm code) |   |

\* Optional fields, since data may not be known at the time of report.

\*\*These elements would be a part of the pharmacy's demographic profile and would not have to be entered with each submitted report.

The Board will continue to release and post information on the Board's dedicated webpage available [here](#).