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Attachments: UC Health statement on mandatory reporting of medication errors for retail pharmacies v4.pdf

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Hi Anne,

I have attached a brief statement regarding the Board's discussion on mandatory retail pharmacy medication error reporting.

I plan to offer it at the February 6 Board meeting during that section for the Board, but am submitting it in advance of the meeting.

Thank you for your assistance.

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Planned statement on mandatory reporting of medication errors for retail pharmacies at Feb 6-7, 2023
BOP Meeting

On behalf of University of California UC Health Chief Pharmacy Officers and Pharmacy Executives at UC Davis Health, UC Irvine Health, UCLA Health, UC San Diego Health, UC San Francisco Health

General Acute Care Hospitals are required to participate in CDPH mandated annual Medication Error Reduction Plans (MERPs). Health system owned retail pharmacies report regularly in those system-wide MERPs. These are detailed processes that address individual medication error reports, perceived risks to patient care, and identify opportunities for improvement. They include collaboration with prescribers and non-pharmacy stakeholders where appropriate, to identify system issues. They report findings and plans for improvement to health system governance structures.

In addition, many health system infusion centers that are licensed as retail pharmacies, are also included in health system CDPH mandated Medication Error Reduction Plans (MERPs).

As part of the development of the California Board of Pharmacy mandatory reporting of medication errors in retail pharmacies, it is recommended that health system owned retail pharmacies that are included in CDPH mandated MERPs be excluded from mandatory reporting under the retail pharmacy laws and regulations. Medication errors that are reported to the health system program from the licensed retail pharmacies, and follow-up actions taken, should be made available for Board Inspectors as part of the inspection visit.

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