

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

POLICY:

This community supports the client's right to use medical marijuana consistent with the provisions of Washington's Medical Marijuana statute, chapter 69.51A RCW, as approved and directed by his/her health care professional and under certain circumstances within this long term care setting

PROCEDURE:

1. A client who uses medical marijuana in this setting must :
 - a. Be a "qualifying patient" under the provisions of RCW 69.51A. A "qualified patient" means a person who:
 - i. Is a patient of a healthcare professional. "Health care professional," means a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW, a physician assistant licensed under chapter 18.71A RCW, an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 18.57 RCW, an osteopathic physicians' assistant licensed under chapter 18.57A RCW, a naturopath licensed under chapter 18.36A RCW, or an advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW; and
 - ii. Has been diagnosed by the health care professional as having a terminal or debilitating condition.
 - b. Provide valid, signed and dated documentation by a health care professional, licensed in Washington State, stating that the person has, in the healthcare professional's opinion, a terminal or debilitating condition that may benefit from the use of medical marijuana.
 - c. The "qualifying patient's" copy of the valid documentation must be retained by the individual, be easily accessible, and presented to facility staff and other appropriate authorities upon request.
 - d. The "qualifying patient" will identify a "designated provider", not affiliated with the long term care community, who will be responsible for providing the medical marijuana to the "qualifying patient". There shall be only one designated provider for each qualifying patient, and the designated provider cannot assist more than one qualifying patient.
 - e. The designated provider is responsible for bringing the medical marijuana to the qualifying patient and promptly removing the medical marijuana from the premises after client consumption.
 - i. Upon arriving at the building, the designated provider must sign in at the front desk, including name, date, and time of arrival.
 - ii. Just prior to leaving the building, the provider must sign out at the front desk, including name, date, and time of departure.

- iii. All medical marijuana consumed by the client must be in edible form only.
 - iv. At no time will marijuana be grown or stored on the premises.
- 2. Staff involvement in the provision of medical marijuana is limited to:
 - a. Confirming receipt of the qualifying patient's valid documentation of the client's illness, disease, or ailment as a condition that may benefit from the use of medical marijuana; and
 - b. Confirming the healthcare professional's recommendation that the client's use of medical marijuana may ease symptoms associated with the illness, disease, or ailment.
 - c. Ensuring no other clients are impacted by this client's use of medical marijuana.
- 3. Staff will not under any circumstances:
 - a. Assist the client in obtaining or using the medical marijuana;
 - b. Store the medical marijuana for the client;
 - c. Ensure the client is properly using the medical marijuana as instructed by his/her healthcare professional;
 - d. Take and/or use the client's medical marijuana;
 - e. Serve as the client's designated provider of medical marijuana.
- 4. If, at any time, the administrator and/or designee determine that the client is not honoring this policy and procedure as written and presented to him/her, consequences up to and including discharge may be considered in order to maintain all clients' safety and wellbeing.