

POLICY

Approved by: Judge: Angela Anderson
Judge: Jonathan Rands

Medical Cannabis Policy for Cases on Probation Policy # 02-2023-003

- This policy applies unless otherwise directed by a Judicial Officer.
- This policy also does not apply to Mental Health Court which requires participants to agree prior to admission to this voluntary program to abstain from cannabis use, medicinal or recreational.

1. Required documentation for processing a Defendant's request to use medical cannabis

- a. A recommendation for cannabis use must be from a fully credentialed doctor or nurse practitioner and must include:
 1. A signed release of information between the probation department and the provider.
 2. The precise medical condition that cannabis is recommended to treat, as well as information specifying all other methods of treatment that have been attempted. The recommendation must also state why other methods of treatment would not be as successful as medical cannabis. The District Court will only accept patients with a diagnosis that falls into those listed in RCW 69.51A.010 (6).
 3. The specific recommended dose and use method.
 4. A statement indicating that they are aware of any mental health and/or chemical dependency issues must be included.
- b. If the person is undergoing mental health and/or chemical dependency treatment, those providers must submit documentation indicating that they approve of medical cannabis use.

2. Approval process for Medical Cannabis Use

Once the appropriate documentation has been provided, Probation will schedule a hearing for the Judicial Officer to approve or deny the request.

3. Monitoring After Approval of Use:

Upon approval of medical cannabis, probation will no longer monitor use.

Approved:



Judge Angela Anderson

10/23/23

Date



Judge Jonathan Rands

10/27/2023

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