

Medical Marijuana Patient Requirements - Recommendation

1. Working Group Name:

Medical Marijuana Advocacy

2. Individual sponsors:

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3. Describe the recommendation:

To maintain a thriving medical marijuana market in Nevada it's recommended that:

1.) Medical marijuana patients who reside in Nevada should be allowed to grow 12 plants, regardless of physical proximity to retail establishment, and legal provision under NRS should be created to address the sale of fresh and live marijuana plants, as well as seeds. Because when used medicinally to treat serious malady, patients require an abundance of fresh cannabis plant matter in various stages of maturation.

2.) All home-grows should be registered through specially regulated, not-for-profit "patient collectives" that act as an official conduit by providing education geared toward teaching cannabis as whole plant medicine, while tying into local resource and gathering data to further marijuana's research and development. Because a thriving medical marijuana program depends upon patients, caregivers, and the industry understanding exactly how to grow, process, and consume cannabis to best address specific malady... And, the right information is always the correct introduction.

3.) A medical marijuana consumer protection advisory and oversight committee should be created to protect medical marijuana patients from unscrupulous practice. Furthermore, the patients respectfully request the Governor's Task Force keep in mind that medical marijuana patients are not the criminal element. We are the sick, injured, and dying and need everyone's help to find better understanding as we fine tune marijuana's commercial regulation in Nevada.

4. Which guiding principle(s) does this recommendation support?

Guiding Principle 1 – Promote the health, safety, and well-being of Nevada's communities.

Guiding Principle 2 – Be responsive to the needs and issues of consumers, non-consumers, local governments, and the industry.

Guiding Principle 4 – Propose efficient and effective regulation that is clear and reasonable and not unduly burdensome.

Guiding Principle 6 – Establish regulations that are clear and practical, so that interactions between law enforcement (at the local, state and federal levels), consumers, and licensees are predictable and understandable.

5. What provision(s) of Question 2 does this recommendation apply to?

This recommendation addresses the need to fine-tune the state’s regulation of marijuana.

6. What issue(s) does the recommendation resolve?

This will resolve the issue that medical marijuana patients in Nevada want a functioning medical marijuana program, yet only currently have access to recreational style marijuana and marijuana infused products. It’s crucial everyone realize the medicinal use of marijuana encompasses so much more than the consumption of marijuana’s psycho-active constituents.

7. Was there dissent in the group regarding this recommendation?

The only dissent I’ve run into regarding home-grows has come from law enforcement and as well-meaning as their intentions are, we believe it should be left up to the suffering medical patients to decide for themselves, the proper amounts of non-psychoactive plant matter to ingest for their optimal health and healing.

8. What action(s) will be necessary to adopt the recommendation? Will statute, policy, regulations, etc. need to be addressed?

Provisions found in SB329 (section 118) allows for the continuation of patient home-grows which legal provision will sunset in 2018. NRS must be created to allow for the sale of live cannabis plants and seeds, as well as to set up the supportive, not-for-profit business models that are to act as “patient collectives”.

9. Additional information (cost of implementation, priority according to the recommendations, etc).