

Nevada's medical mj patients have urgent need for industry-subsidized learning centers that allow for cannabis consumption. We want our social-use venues to serve as the not-for-profit business modality regulated to provide program registrants with seeds, clones, customized botanicals, and infusions to address specific maladies. Medical marijuana has been established within our state constitution since 2001. It's 2019 and our medical patients STILL need the law amended so we can legally purchase our essential products in order to obtain medical marijuana - properly sourced. It's important you know that it occurs within settings, where people can interact and learn about cannabis in a practical manner along with other patients who suffer from similar conditions, that medical marijuana is best learned. Medical marijuana is observational medicine and should be respected as such and treated honorably.

Patients feel it's imperative to seat people on the board who will aggressively push to address the following issues:

The standardization of laboratory testing methodologies. So far our laboratories have been treating methods as secretive, proprietary information which elicits too much variation, rendering invalid data. Patients want testing to act as a protective measure in exacting science, not used as a tool to skew profits.

Proper toxicology testing and relevant research must be established. None of the chemicals allowed for use on cannabis agriculture has had ANY toxicology testing for the various ways they're processed and consumed. What we're currently using on cannabis was never meant to be smoked and/or concentrated before consumption. Marijuana and industrial hemp are now consumed in ways not before considered by science. Evaluation of industry methodologies MUST begin with research.

The standard daily serving size must be reconfigured to reflect realistic dosing limits. For medical cannabis consumers, the daily dose should be set at twenty grams and yet it's currently set at five, despite patient outrage during the regulatory meetings where the limits were initially established at an impossibly low level. Patients were told the issue would be revisited "later on, down the road" but that promise remains untrue to this day.

Establishing a state-certified, organic panel exclusively for use on cannabis agriculture is essential. This is incredibly important because all the pesticides, fungicides, insecticides, growth regulators, and foliar sprays currently used on the commercial agriculture of marijuana and industrial hemp are NOT safe for human consumption once heated (or combusted) or absorbed through the lungs. Additionally, concentrating cannabis plant matter during processing has shown to concentrate various chemicals used on its agriculture toward unsafe levels. Those safety levels then aren't yet retested after concentration; and this is a huge matter of contention Nevada MUST work to resolve immediately. Science has proven many of the products currently in distribution, contain a myriad of UNKNOWN chemicals that shouldn't be consumed by medical patients who suffer from weakened immune systems. The data presented in April's ILAC meeting explained how up to 40% of the reported cannabinoid profile listed on a lab's certification is actually testing out to be a mixture of unknown chemical by-products. The various chemicals on the plant are synthesizing through processing to create chemicals not yet understood and THIS is why it remains imperative that medical marijuana patients be allowed to grow at home regardless of physical proximity to a dispensary, and an organic panel certified by the state is desperately required.

Implement various types of health inspections specific to the cultivation and production houses to guard against deleterious business practice. Patients want to establish quality control measures that insure cannabis isn't being adulterated with unregulated chemicals. Furthermore, we insist the growing methods, growth enhancers, processing solvents, and all additives be documented to present in form for public inspection along with the lab certification at the dispensaries, upon purchase. Patients want to know how their cannabis was grown, what chemicals have been applied, and the extraction or infusion process. How cannabis is grown and how it's processed affects EVERYTHING about how it will work in a body, so this type of transparency is crucial to medical cannabis patients!

Setting medical marijuana "Standards of Procedure" for cultivation and production that's supportive of patient health is paramount. We should require hiring medical mj patients to oversee medical mj establishments. A "medical marijuana facility" should require key employees to actually be experienced medical marijuana patients, acting as part of a third-party oversight, dealing with laboratory testing information as well as cultivation and production. These patient employees should be granted access to the Metrc lab information tracking system and given extensive training on how to use it.

Additional information to the medical mj patient website should be included that speaks of proper patient advocacy while establishing emergency protocol dealing with product recall. Patients want the state's website to show as part of public record, the cannabis and hemp businesses that consistently fail to meet standards and we want the establishments who've been cited for unhealthy or deceptive business practices to be clearly listed by infraction. Public information is an important tool needed to alert vulnerable patients about products and businesses they should avoid. Yet in Nevada law there are NO measures calling for public transparency and medical patients believe it reflects how this emerging industry is being overseen exclusively by self-interested parties who know exactly how to cherry pick the laws being introduced into NRS to suit their own agenda. Meanwhile our vulnerable medical mj patients STILL need legislative protection.