

ALGORITHM FOR MEDICAL CANNABIS NEW STARTS AND AUTHORIZATION RENEWALS

Prescriber assesses client and determines that cannabis for medical purposes is an appropriate therapeutic choice.

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Prescriber fills out <u>Medical Document Authorizing the use of Cannabis for Medical</u> <u>Purposes</u>. Required information includes:

- Client's name and date of birth
- Daily quantity of dried cannabis to be used by client (grams per day)
- Period of use (not to exceed one year)
- Prescriber's name and profession
- Prescriber's business address
- Address of location where client was assessed, if different from above
- Prescriber's phone number, fax number, email address
- Prescriber's license number and province authorized to practice in
- Prescriber's signature and date
- Initials if authorization is faxed and original is retained for the record

If client chooses to access cannabis from a holder of a license to sell cannabis for medical purposes:

- Medical Document Authorizing the use of Cannabis is faxed directly to license holder of client's choice
- Complete list of licensed
 producers available <u>online</u>

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Client fills out application form as required by chosen license holder. This can typically be completed online. A responsible adult should be designated. Client directs producer to send shipment to facility if appropriate. Shipment must be signed for by client/ responsible adult.

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Renewal of authorization requires completion of a new Medical Document. If client continues to use the same license holder, no further documents should be necessary.

If client chooses to:

- Produce their own cannabis
- Designate someone to produce cannabis for them, or
- Obtain cannabis for medical purposes from an alternate source (e.g. retailer licensed to sell cannabis for non-medical purposes):
 - Client completes <u>Production for Own Medical</u> <u>Purposes and Production by a Designated Person</u> <u>Registration Form;</u> a responsible adult should be designated.
 - Medical Document Authorizing the use of Cannabis and Production for Own Medical Purposes forms are both mailed to Health Canada.

If client chooses to obtain cannabis for medical purposes from an alternate source:

 Client will receive a registration certificate

Health care professional attaches client label to package containing cannabis. If client chooses to produce their own cannabis or designate someone to produce cannabis for them:

- Client (and designate) will receive a registration certificate
- Client may use cannabis grown by self or designate, or use cannabis supplied by medical or non-medical

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Renewal of authorization requires completion of a new Medical Document; Production for Own Medical Purposes must also be resubmitted.