Medical Cannabis in Schools

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Medical Cannabis in Schools State Law and District Policies

<u>SB 223 (Hill)</u> Signed by Newsom, effective January 1, 2020 amended Ed Code <u>49414.1</u>

- California School Boards Association (CSBA) sample policy 3513.4 Drug and Alcohol Free Schools may be revised at district level
- <u>Ed Code 48915(C)(ii)</u> refers to Health & Safety Code
 - <u>Uniform Controlled Substances Act</u> includes Cannabis

Medical Cannabis in Schools District Policies

Drug and Alcohol Free Schools BP 3513.4

- Specifies cannabis or cannabis products
- Prescription medication, except for prescribed cannabis, may be administered at school in accordance with law...
- The following substances are prohibited on all district property: 2. Cannabis or cannabis products (Health and Safety Code 11362.3; 21 USC 812, 844)
- Medication Administration
 - Board Policy (BP) Administrative Regulation (AR) 5141.21 Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions

Legal Conflict

Diabetes lawsuit
August 2013 <u>CA Supreme Court Decision</u>
Must provide FAPE
School must provide care
Parents/guardians may not be pressured or required to provide care

Legal Conflict

 The Legislature's reason for authorizing school personnel to administer medications, according to the original statute's legislative history, was to avoid requiring children "to leave school during the day for necessary medication" or compelling their parents "to pay extra sums for a school visit by the physician."

Legal Conflict

 "federal case law requires districts to accept responsibility to administer necessary medications," reported complaints that "some districts" have required parents to sign illegitimate blanket waivers that sign away their children's right to medical treatment at school as a condition of enrollment or attendance. In these instances, parents have been forced to take time off work to go to school and deliver the medications."

Considerations for School Nurses

- <u>Colorado nurses may administer</u>
- Guidance regarding school nurses
- National Council of State Boards of Nursing

Cannabis and School Nurses

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Cannabis and School Nurses Miscellaneous Resources

- <u>American Cannabis Nurses Association</u>
- Pros and Cons of Allowing Medical Marijuana Use in Schools
- Latest Science Debunks Claim that Marijuana Significantly <u>Harms Brain</u>
- Epidiolex placed in Schedule V of CSA
- The 6 most advanced countries for marijuana research
- <u>GW Pharmaceuticals</u>
- Jason and Jayden's Journey
- <u>CBD and epilepsy clinical trials</u>