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Issue	Possible Points	
PATIENT RIGHTS & CIVIL PROTECTION (total)	**100**	**32**
Arrest protection	40	0
Affirmative defense	15	12
Child custody	10	8
DUID protections	5	0
Employment	5	0
Explicit privacy standards	7	7
Housing protections	5	0
Does not create new criminal penalties for patients	5	5
Organ transplants	5	0
Reciprocity	3	0
EASE OF NAVIGATION (total)	**100**	**48**
Comprehensive qualifying conditions	50	20
Adding new conditions (total)	10	0
Law/Regs allow for new conditions	5	0
System works for adding new conditions	5	0
Reasonable access for minors	10	6
Reasonable caregiver background check requirements	4	4
Number of caregivers	2	2
Patient/Practitioner focused task force/advisory Board	2	0
Reasonable fees (patients & caregivers)	10	10
Allows multiple-year registrations	2	0
Reasonable physician requirements	5	3
Does not classify cannabis as medicine of last resort	5	3
ACCESS TO MEDICINE (total)	**100**	**16**
Allows distribution programs (total)	40	0
Allows access to dried flowers	15	0
Allows delivery	5	0
No sales tax or reasonable sales tax	5	0
Reasonable number of dispensing facilities	5	0
Does not require vertical integration	2	0
Ownership/Employment restrictions	2	0
Provisions for labor standards	2	0
Environmental impact regulations	2	0
Unrestricted choice of dispensary	2	0
Non-commercial cultivation (total)	20	0
Personal cultivation	15	0
Collective gardens	5	0
Explicit right to edibles/concentrates/other forms	10	3
Does not impose limits or bans on THC	10	3
Does not impose minimum CBD requirements	10	10
Municipal bans/zoning	10	0
FUNCTIONALITY (total)	**100**	**36**
Patients are able to obtain medicine	50	0
Free of significant administrative or supply problems	15	12
Legal protections within reasonable time frame	10	8
Reasonable possession limit (ounces)	5	4
Reasonable purchase limits	5	0
Allows patients to medicate where they chose	5	5
Covered by insurance/state health aide	3	0
Financial hardship (fee waivers/discount medicine)	7	7
PRODUCT SAFETY (total - see back for details)	**100**	**n/a**
Dispensing	25	n/a
Cultivation	25	n/a
Manufacturing	25	n/a
Lab	25	n/a
Improvement Bonus		10
Total out of 400		142
Score percentage		36

Final Grade = F*

Areas for improvement: Creating legal protections for patients with seizure disorders is a positive first step for Iowa, but the state legislature needs to pass comprehensive medical cannabis legislation in order to best serve the state's patient population. Expanding the list of qualifying conditions, removing the arbitrary cap on THC, and creating in-state production and distribution of medical cannabis are all necessary features that any new legislation in Iowa should contain.

Background: In 2014, the Iowa legislature passed SF 2360, the "Medical Cannabidiol Act," which allows licensed neurologists to certify patients with intractable epilepsy to use cannabidiol (CBD) products with 3% or less THC content. The law does not allow other types of physicians to write qualifying recommendations, nor does it allow for patients with any other conditions to obtain legal protections. Qualifying patients must obtain a state registry ID card in order to receive legal protection; qualifying patients may designate a caregiver to assist them. The law does not impose a minimum amount of CBD, but does not extend legal protections for products with more than 3% THC. The state began issuing registration ID cards to patients in 2015.

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PRODUCT SAFETY point breakdown

(Point totals by section included in grade calculation on reverse)

Issue	Possible Points	
DISPENSING (total)	**25**	**0**
Dispensary training	5	0
Operating Procedures and Protocols	5	0
Facility sanitary conditions	Y or N	N
Storage protocols	Y or N	N
Reasonable security protocols	Y or N	N
Inventory control	Y or N	N
Recall protocol and adverse event reporting	5	0
Product Labeling	5	0
Product contents including source material ID	Y or N	N
Allergens	Y or N	N
Potency/compound identification	Y or N	N
Required Testing	5	0
Active ingredient identification	Y or N	N
Contaminants	Y or N	N
Potency	Y or N	N
CULTIVATION (total)	**25**	0
Cultivation training	5	0
Standard Operating Procedures and Protocols	**5**	0
Facility and equipment sanitary conditions	Y or N	N
Workforce safety protocols	Y or N	N
Storage protocols (short and long term)	Y or N	N
Reasonable security protocols	Y or N	N
Batch and lot tracking	Y or N	N
Disposal/waste	Y or N	N
Water management	Y or N	N
Pesticide Guidance and Protocols	**5**	**0**
Pesticide guidance	Y or N	N
Product labeling	Y or N	N
Required testing	5	0
Active ingredient identification	Y or N	N
Contaminants	Y or N	N
Potency	Y or N	N
Sample retention	Y or N	N
Recall protocol and adverse event reporting:	5	0
MANUFACTURING (total)	**25**	0
Manufacturing training	5	0
Standard Operating Procedures and Protocols	5	0
Facility and equipment sanitary conditions	Y or N	N
Workforce safety protocols	Y or N	N
Storage protocols	Y or N	N
Reasonable security protocols	Y or N	N
Batch and lot tracking	Y or N	N
Product Labeling	5	0
Product contents with source material ID	Y or N	N
Allergens	Y or N	N
Potency/compound identification	Y or N	N
Required Testing	5	0
Active ingredient identification	Y or N	N
Contaminants	Y or N	N
Potency	Y or N	N
Shelf life testing	Y or N	N
Sample retention	Y or N	N
Recall protocol and adverse event reporting:	5	0
LABORATORY (total)	**25**	**0**
Lab operations training	5	0
Method validation in accordance with AHP guidelines	5	0
Result reporting - disclose the type of testing used	5	0
Independent or third party certification	5	0
Standard Operating Procedures and Protocols	**5**	**0**
Equipment and Instrument Calibration	Y or N	N
Sample tracking	Y or N	N
Facility and equipment sanitary conditions	Y or N	N
Disposal/waste protocols	Y or N	N
Storage protocols	Y or N	N
Workforce safety protocols	Y or N	N
Total out of 100		**n/a**

Tools for Success:

Improving your state law has never been easier. In the appendix of this report you will find model legislation and regulators guides for product safety protocols. ASA staff are all also available to draft and/or review legislative and regulatory language. Our website has many resources online including access to our policy shop at http://www.safeaccessnow.org/policy_shop, information for regulators available at http://patientfocusedcertification.org/about/information-for-regulators/ and a breakdown of all the state laws at http://www.safeaccessnow.org/state_and_federal_law.

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