

Utah Medical Cannabis Purchase Limit Increase

To: Medical Cannabis Policy Advisory Board

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Background

Less than 0.5% of Utah medical cannabis patients who purchase from licensed Utah dispensaries are purchasing the maximum allowable amount of product in a 28-day period. The most recent figures suggest that 30-50 patients per period hit their limits of 113 grams of flower and up to 20 patients per period met their 20 grams of concentrate limit between December 2024 and May 2025. Though this percentage seems small, these figures assume that patients who have a Utah medical cannabis recommendation are purchasing solely from licensed Utah medical cannabis pharmacies, which we know not to be true. Furthermore, this does not account for those who purchase medical cannabis within and without the state of Utah. The true percentage of those consuming at or more than the current limits allowable is most likely higher than our current figures and represents a small population whose needs are currently not met.

Other state's approaches

Of the 12 medical cannabis-only states with purchasing limits, Utah ranks in the middle to lower half of those states. Of the 17 medical cannabis-only states, 3 impose no limits on flower purchases and 6 states have no limit on concentrate purchasing.

Recommendation

Recommending medical providers (RMPs) already have the ability to review the purchase history of each medical cannabis patient. If an RMP identifies a patient whose needs are not currently being met due to the current purchasing limits, they should have the discretion as the patient's medical provider to recommend an increase in the limit up to a maximum of 50% of the current set limit through EVS at the time of renewing a card or to amend an active card anytime between renewals. A maximum limit increase would change a patient's purchasing limits to 169.5 grams of flower and 30 grams of composite THC.