

## **Medical Cannabis Inpatient Workflow Requirements and Information**

To support Medical Cannabis therapy for qualified and certified patients, the EMR integrates a verification process, an order, problem list entries and alerts to facilitate communication among caregivers.

Once the verification process is completed by nursing and pharmacy, the provider must enter the Medical Cannabis order, add a problem to the problem list and document the qualifying condition.

Please refer to Policy 138.00 Inpatient Use of Medical Cannabis.

### ***What is Critical for Everyone to Know?***

- Children's staff, including nurses and pharmacists, will **not** be involved in the dispensing or administration of medical cannabis.
- There must be a Provider order for an adult patient or parent/legal guardian to self-administer medical cannabis.
- Nurses and pharmacists will be involved in verifying that a patient is in fact approved and registered with the MDH for medical cannabis use, and that the medical cannabis child-proof container presented by the family is labeled appropriately.
- A safe will be provided for the storage of medical cannabis in the patient room. Staff will assist the adult patient or parent/legal guardian to teach how to use the safe. The combination must not be shared with staff or other family members.

Children's employees are not to access the safe or handle medical cannabis at any time.

If medical cannabis is found outside the safe, staff should ask the adult patient, parent/legal guardian, and/or designated caregiver to return it to the safe.

### ***Out of State Medical Cannabis***

As of July 1, 2015, the **Medical Cannabis Use** Problem is used to record if a patient is using medical cannabis obtained through the Minnesota Medical Cannabis Program.

It is also important to record whether the patient is using Out of State Medical Cannabis, so that the necessary notifications will display with sedation medication orders, etc.

**Note:** It is illegal to transport marijuana across state lines, and it is illegal to use or dispense any cannabis product in our facility that was not legally obtained as part of the Minnesota Medical Cannabis program. Marijuana is illegal under state and federal law and the only "exception" we have is the state cannabis law.

To document this communication to the family, this terminology can be used:

*The parents were informed that, in accordance with hospital policy, only medical cannabis obtained through the Minnesota Medical Cannabis program can be used by patients and the use of cannabis from any other state program is not allowed.*

**Required Documentation for Cannabis Use**

The following information is required for medical cannabis use.

**NURSING Responsibility**

Complete the following forms:

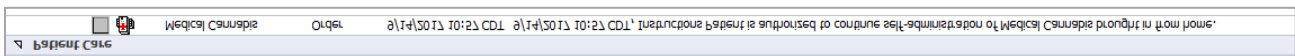
- Initial all relevant sections of the **Medical Cannabis Documentation** form.
- Direct the family to sign the **Inpatient Use of Medical Cannabis Acknowledgement form- family signs agreeing to abide by our policy.**
- Give the family the Education document **Medical Cannabis: How it works at Children's.**
- Send all forms for scanning once completed.

**PHARMACY Responsibility:**

- Initial all relevant sections of the Medical Cannabis Documentation form.

**CLINICIAN Responsibility**

- Place this order for medical cannabis to authorize inpatient continued self-directed therapy.



- Place the appropriate **Chronic Active problem and “this visit” diagnosis** on the problem list.



- Document use in the **History and Physical** upon admission including the qualifying medical condition.

**HIM Responsibility**

Scan verification forms into the Administrative Consents folder.

**Other Alerts and Notifications**

**To improve safety** for patients enrolled in the medical cannabis program, an EMR-based alert will provide notification when other sedatives are prescribed for patients with Cannabis on their problem list.



**To improve viability:**

- An icon displays in Capacity Management.
- Managers will receive an email indicating who is currently hospitalized on medical cannabis.