

MARIJUANA/CANNABIS USE POLICY

To ensure the health, safety and well-being of all residents, staff and visitors, this policy provides guidelines on the use of cannabis, including marijuana and hemp, within the Facility.

The Facility is committed to maintaining a drug-free environment in accordance with federal law and with applicable healthcare regulations. Marijuana remains a Schedule 1 illegal substance under the federal Controlled Substances Act, notwithstanding any state law that may allow for the commercial sale of marijuana or cannabis, or which decriminalizes the possession and use of marijuana or cannabis.

The use of marijuana or hemp in any form can result in various effects, including but not limited to intoxication, impaired judgment, impaired coordination, dizziness, lightheadedness, drowsiness, fatigue, nausea, changes to blood pressure and interactions with other drugs and medications. These effects can pose risks to the health, safety and well-being of our residents, and particularly to those residents who may have vulnerability for fall risk or from underlying medical conditions.

DEFINITIONS

- **Cannabis:** Includes all products derived from the cannabis plant, including but not limited to dried flower, oils, edibles, and topicals. Cannabis includes marijuana and hemp.
- **Medical Marijuana:** Marijuana authorized by a licensed healthcare provider for therapeutic purposes.
- **Recreational Marijuana:** Marijuana used for personal, non-medical purposes.
- **Marijuana:** Refers to the parts of the *Cannabis* plant (primarily the flowers or "buds") as well as products derived from cannabis that contain higher concentrations of THC (tetrahydrocannabinol), the psychoactive compound that produces a "high."
- **Non-Intoxicating Hemp:** Refers to any product derived from hemp that is non-intoxicating when used as directed, such as CBD (cannabidiol).
- **Intoxicating Hemp:** refers to any product derived from hemp that is intoxicating when used as directed, such as Delta-8 THC.

POLICY

The use, possession, cultivation or distribution of marijuana or intoxicating hemp is prohibited within the premises of the Facility and on its grounds at all times. This includes the following activities:

- Using marijuana or intoxicating hemp in any manner, including but not limited to smoking, vaping, edibles and tinctures
- Possessing, distributing or selling marijuana or intoxicating hemp in any quantity or form
- Cultivating cannabis plants

LIMITED EXCEPTION

With respect to residents only, the Facility acknowledges that medical marijuana or non-intoxicating hemp may be recommended by a resident's healthcare provider for certain conditions as part of a supervised medical treatment regimen and as allowed for under applicable state law. The Facility therefore allows a limited exception to the above prohibited activities for residents who require medication that contains marijuana or non-intoxicating hemp under the recommendation and proper oversight of a licensed healthcare provider.

The Facility must be advised of the use of medical marijuana or non-intoxicating hemp and any changes in administration or changes of condition as a result of administration.

Residents using medical cannabis or non-intoxicating hemp must provide:

- A written recommendation or prescription from a licensed healthcare provider.
- Proof of enrollment in a state medical cannabis program, if applicable.

Administration and Storage

- Staff will not administer cannabis unless explicitly authorized by state law and their professional licensing board.
- Residents or their designated caregivers are responsible for obtaining, storing, and administering medical cannabis.

Cannabis must be stored securely in a designated location to prevent unauthorized access.

Staff Responsibilities

- Staff must not handle or administer cannabis unless legally authorized and trained to do so.
- Staff are responsible for reporting any unauthorized or unsafe use of cannabis.
- Staff must respect residents' privacy and rights while ensuring compliance with facility policies.

SCOPE AND ENFORCEMENT

This policy applies to all residents, staff, volunteers, visitors, vendors, contractors and others who are affiliated with or who visit the Facility. All staff members are responsible for enforcing this policy. Violation of this policy by residents may result in disciplinary action, including fines, discontinuing residency in accordance with the admission agreement, if any, in the case of more than one violation of this policy or further action as determined by the administration. Visitors and others found to be in violation may be asked to leave the premises and may be prohibited from future excess.

POLICY REVIEW AND UPDATES

This policy will be reviewed annually and updated to reflect changes in laws, regulations, and best practices.