

MICHIGAN HOMES FOR VETERANS
BOARD MANUAL

BOARD OF MANAGERS OPERATING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

BP-026

Prohibition of Medical Marijuana

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PURPOSE: To provide policy regarding access to clinical programs for State-approved marijuana programs.

POLICY: The State Veterans Homes are federally funded and must comply with federal laws, including the Controlled Substances Act. Marijuana is classified as a Schedule I drug under the Controlled Substances Act.

State law authorizing the use of Schedule I drugs, such as marijuana, even when characterized as medicine, are contrary to Federal law. The Controlled Substances Act (Title 21 United States Code (U.S.C.) 801 et al.) designates Schedule I drugs as having no currently-accepted medical use and there are criminal penalties associated with production, distribution, and possession of these drugs.

It is Board Policy to prohibit State Veterans Home providers from completing forms seeking recommendations or opinions regarding a Veteran's participation in a State marijuana program.

The Administrator of each Home is responsible for ensuring the Homes' clinical staff is aware:

- (1) Of the prohibition of completing forms for participation in State marijuana programs.
- (2) If a Veteran presents an authorization for marijuana to a State provider or pharmacist, the State will not provide marijuana nor will it pay for it to be provided by a non-Veterans Home entity.

Possession or utilization of marijuana is prohibited anywhere on the property of the Sate Veterans Homes (even if the Member has an authorization for medical marijuana).

Each Home may also have additional policies regarding the prohibition/distribution of marijuana, legal, and illegal drugs.