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Policy 23-004

PHARMACIST INVOLVEMENT WITH MEDICAL CANNABIS

1. May a pharmacy also be a dispensary?
The site desiring to be a dispensary shall follow all applicable Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission rules and regulations, specifically Chapter 538-X-8.

Ex: 538-X-8-.02(6)(d) states,
A licensed dispensary must comply with the following:
d. Dispense only medical cannabis provided through valid contracts with other (non-dispensary) licensees and related products associated with medical cannabis, e.g., inhalers or other administration aids.
2. May a pharmacist lawfully be employed by a dispensary?
There is no statute or rule that specifically allows or precludes a pharmacist working for a medical cannabis dispensary. However, to be a certified dispenser one must comply with the provisions of 583-X-8-.03.
3. May a pharmacist lawfully own a dispensary of medical cannabis?
There is no statute or rule that would preclude a pharmacist from owning a dispensary.
4. May a pharmacist/technician/intern/extern practice while under the care of a physician while taking medical cannabis?
Currently, federal law stipulates cannabis as a Schedule I, while the state of Alabama has provided specific regulations around medical cannabis.
The Board will review situations surrounding pharmacists utilizing medical cannabis under a doctor's care as presented and/or necessary.

Policy adopted by the Board of Pharmacy during the Business Meeting on March 15, 2023. This final draft has been approved by all Board members.


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