

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS

1. Designated Caregiver Rules

The Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act¹ (Act) allows a parent/guardian of a student who is a minor to register with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) as a designated caregiver to administer medical cannabis to their child. A designated caregiver may also be another individual other than the student's parent/guardian. Any designated caregiver must be at least 21 years old and allowed to administer a medical cannabis-infused product (Product) to a child who is a student at ISVI/ISD on the premises or on his or her bus if:

1. Both the student and the designated caregiver possess valid registry identification cards issued by IDPH;
2. Copies of the registry identification cards are provided to ISVI/ISD administrators; and
3. That student's parent/guardian completed, signed, and submitted a Prescriber's Authorization Form.

After administering the Product to the student, the designated caregiver shall immediately remove it from ISVI/ISD premises or the school bus.

2. ISVI/ISD Staff Rules

ISVI/ISD nurses and/or administrators are *encouraged* to administer a Product to a student who is a registered qualifying patient while on ISVI/ISD premises during the school day. Nurses and/or administrators, however, are not required to administer the Product to a student on ISVI/ISD premises.

ISVI/ISD nurses and administrators are *discouraged* from administering Product to students while at a school-sponsored activity or before or after normal school activities. This includes while the student is in before-school or after-school care on school-operated property or while the student is being transported on a school bus.

Out-of-State administration of a Product by an ISVI/ISD nurse or administrator to a student is *prohibited*.

3. Self-Administration

ISVI/ISD may authorize the self-administration of a Product by a student who is a registered qualifying patient if the self-administration takes place under the direct supervision of an ISVI/ISD nurse or administrator.

Before allowing the administration of Product, the parent/guardian of a student who is the registered qualifying patient must provide written authorization for its use, along with a copy of the registry identification card of the student (as a registered qualifying patient) and the parent or guardian (as a registered designated caregiver).

The written authorization must specify the times where or the special circumstances under which the Product must be administered. The written authorization and a copy of the registry identification cards must be kept on file in the office of the ISVI/ISD nurse. The authorization for a student to self-

¹ 410 ILCS 130 *et seq.*

administer Products is effective for the school year in which it is granted and must be renewed each subsequent school year.

4. In General

Products that are administered by the ISVI/ISD nurse/administrator or self-administered must always be stored with the ISVI/ISD nurse. The storage must be in a manner consistent with storage of other student medication at ISVI/ISD and may be accessible only by the ISVI/ISD nurse or administrator.

A parent or guardian or other individual may not administer a Product in a manner that, in the opinion of ISVI/ISD, would create a disruption to ISVI/ISD's educational environment or would cause exposure of the Product to other students.

ISVI/ISD may not discipline a student who is administered a Product by a parent or guardian or other individual or who self-administers a Product under the supervision of a School nurse or School administrator. Similarly, ISVI/ISD may not deny the student's eligibility to attend ISVI/ISD solely because the student requires the administration of the Product.

An ISVI/ISD employee shall not be required to administer the Product to a student.

ISVI/ISD may not authorize the use of a Product if ISVI/ISD would lose federal funding as a result of the authorization

"Designated Caregiver," "medical cannabis-infused product," and "registered" have the meanings given to those terms under Section 10 of the Act. "Self-administration" has the meaning given to the term under Section 5/22-33 of The School Code.