

# Therapeutic Cannabis Program

## General Program Information for Qualifying Patients Who Are Minors

*The information on this sheet is additional information related to Qualifying Patients who are minors. General information contained on other information sheets also applies.*

### Minimum Requirements to Be a Qualifying Patient

Minors (under age 18) are permitted by law to engage in the therapeutic use of cannabis, and medical providers are permitted to issue Written Certifications to minors, under the following conditions:

- The Program must receive two Written Certifications for the minor applicant, from two different medical providers. One of the Written Certifications must be issued by a pediatrician.
- The minor's custodial parent or legal guardian who is responsible for the health care decisions of the minor must be approved as the minor's Designated Caregiver. If he or she is not approved to be the minor's Designated Caregiver, the minor's application to be a Qualifying Patient shall be denied.

### Application Requirements

The minor's custodial parent or legal guardian must complete the application on the minor's behalf.

If parents share legal custody (joint decision-making responsibility) of a minor applicant, the parent submitting the application shall provide the other parent with copies of the completed application and the completed Written Certifications prior to submitting the application to the Program.

In cases where a minor's legal guardian is not a custodial parent, the legal guardian must submit proof of legal guardianship with the minor's application.

The minor's application is not complete if it is not accompanied by an application for a Designated Caregiver completed by the custodial parent or legal guardian.

### Medical Provider Information

Both medical providers completing the required Written Certifications (one of whom must be a pediatrician) both must have a provider-patient relationship with the minor of at least 3 months duration, unless the 3-month requirement does not apply because the onset or diagnosis of the qualifying condition occurred within the past 3 months and the certifying provider is primarily responsible for the care related to this condition.

The certifying medical provider must explain to the minor's custodial parent or legal guardian the potential health effects of the therapeutic use of cannabis, including the potential risks and benefits of the therapeutic use of cannabis.

### Responsibilities of the Designated Caregiver

The Designated Caregiver must control the possession of the cannabis and the frequency of the use of cannabis by the minor.

An Alternative Treatment Center shall not dispense cannabis to a Qualifying Patient who is a minor. Instead, cannabis intended for a minor Qualifying Patient shall only be dispensed to the minor's Designated Caregiver.