

# SB26-007

## MEDICAL MARIJUANA USE IN HEALTH FACILITIES

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### SUMMARY

When terminally ill patients are admitted to health facilities, many are unable to continue their recommended medical marijuana treatment, even though they remain legally authorized to use it under Colorado's Constitution. This interruption can cause unnecessary suffering during the final days and weeks of life, a time when comfort and dignity matter most.

Senate Bill 007 also prohibits the department from requiring compliance if compliance would result in a loss of federal funding, noncompliance with the federal Medicare or medicaid programs, or noncompliance with accreditation or licensing requirements.

- Passed unanimously in Senate Committee; 9-0
- Passed out of the Senate 25-5 with bipartisan support.

### KEY PROVISIONS

- Allows (but does not require) health facilities to permit terminally ill patients who are registered in the state's medical marijuana program to use medical marijuana on the premises
- **Prohibits smoking and vaping**; only non-smoke/non-vape methods are permitted, i.e., edibles, tinctures, topicals.
- Use must align with the patient's physician recommendation and state constitutional requirements.
- If a facility opts in, it must require the patient or caregiver to provide a valid registry identification card and document marijuana use in the patient's medical records.
- If a facility opts in, it must develop and disseminate written guidelines covering possession, use, administration, and storage, including the authority to require locked storage containers
- Facilities are not required to store, secure, inventory, dispense, label, document, or otherwise handle marijuana themselves
- CDPHE cannot make compliance a condition of licensure or certification
- Compliance is also not required if it would result in loss of federal funding, Medicare/Medicaid noncompliance, or violation of accreditation or licensing standards

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