

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law authorizes an authorized clinician to recommend medical marijuana for therapeutic use for any patient with a debilitating medical condition provided for in existing law.

New law requires healthcare facilities to permit a terminally ill patient to use medical marijuana that has been recommended to the patient pursuant to existing law.

New law requires the facility to take certain measures to document the patient's medical marijuana use and ensure proper storage of the medical marijuana.

New law does not apply to a patient receiving emergency services or care or to the emergency department of a healthcare facility.

New law provides that a healthcare facility is not required to provide a patient with a medical marijuana recommendation or to include medical marijuana in a patient's discharge plan.

New law provides that compliance with new law shall not be a condition for obtaining, retaining, or renewing a healthcare facility license.

New law authorizes all healthcare facilities to suspend compliance with the provisions of new law if a federal regulatory agency, the U.S. Department of Justice, or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) initiates an enforcement action against any healthcare agency or issues a rule or notification to the facility that prohibits compliance with new law.

New law provides that a healthcare facility shall not prohibit a terminally ill patient's use of medical marijuana due solely to the fact that marijuana is a Schedule I drug.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 40:1046.5)