

RCW 69.51A.210 Qualifying patients or designated providers—Authorization—Health care professional may include recommendations on amount of cannabis. As part of authorizing a qualifying patient or designated provider, the health care professional may include recommendations on the amount of cannabis that is likely needed by the qualifying patient for his or her medical needs and in accordance with this section.

(1) If the health care professional does not include recommendations on the qualifying patient's or designated provider's authorization, the cannabis retailer with a medical cannabis endorsement, when adding the qualifying patient or designated provider to the medical cannabis authorization database, shall enter into the database that the qualifying patient or designated provider may purchase or obtain at a retail outlet holding a medical cannabis endorsement a combination of the following: Forty-eight ounces of cannabis-infused product in solid form; three ounces of useable cannabis; two hundred sixteen ounces of cannabis-infused product in liquid form; or twenty-one grams of cannabis concentrates. The qualifying patient or designated provider may also grow, in his or her domicile, up to six plants for the personal medical use of the qualifying patient and possess up to eight ounces of useable cannabis produced from his or her plants. These amounts shall be specified on the recognition card that is issued to the qualifying patient or designated provider.

(2) If the health care professional determines that the medical needs of a qualifying patient exceed the amounts provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the health care professional must specify on the authorization that it is recommended that the patient be allowed to grow, in his or her domicile, up to fifteen plants for the personal medical use of the patient. A patient so authorized may possess up to sixteen ounces of useable cannabis in his or her domicile. The number of plants must be entered into the medical cannabis authorization database by the cannabis retailer with a medical cannabis endorsement and specified on the recognition card that is issued to the qualifying patient or designated provider.

(3) If a qualifying patient or designated provider with an authorization from a health care professional has not been entered into the medical cannabis authorization database, he or she may not receive a recognition card and may only purchase at a retail outlet, whether it holds a medical cannabis endorsement or not, the amounts established in RCW 69.50.360. In addition the qualifying patient or the designated provider may grow, in his or her domicile, up to four plants for the personal medical use of the qualifying patient and possess up to six ounces of useable cannabis in his or her domicile. [2022 c 16 s 124; 2015 c 70 s 19.]

Intent—Finding—2022 c 16: See note following RCW 69.50.101.

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