

RCW 71.24.635 Cannabis consumption—Health care provider guidance—Promotion of reduction and cessation programs for populations at risk of serious complications—Request for proposal—Report. (Expires December 31, 2028.)

(1) Subject to amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the health care authority must issue a request for proposal and contract with an entity to develop, implement, test, and evaluate guidance and health interventions for health care providers and patients at risk for developing serious complications due to cannabis consumption who are seeking care in emergency departments, primary care settings, behavioral health settings, other health care facilities, and for use by state poison control and recovery hotlines to promote cannabis use reduction and cessation for the following populations:

(a) Youth and adults at high risk of adverse mental health impacts from use of high THC cannabis;

(b) Youth and adults who have experienced a cannabis-induced first episode psychosis but do not have a diagnosis of a psychotic disorder; and

(c) Youth and adults who have a diagnosed psychotic disorder and use cannabis.

(2) The health care authority must submit a preliminary report to the appropriate committees of the legislature summarizing the progress toward developing and testing health interventions and recruiting patients and health care facilities to participate by December 1, 2025. The health care authority must provide a progress report on initial outcomes of the health interventions for participating patients and health care facilities by July 1, 2027. The health care authority must submit a final report to the appropriate committees of the legislature summarizing the results of the interventions and any recommendations for implementation of health interventions by December 1, 2028.

(3) A contract entered under the authorization in this section must include, in the scope of work, data gathering on adverse health impacts occurring in Washington associated with consumption of high THC cannabis, and data gathered must be included in the reports submitted to the legislature under this section.

(4) This section expires December 31, 2028. [2024 c 360 s 5.]

Finding—Intent—2024 c 360: See notes following RCW 69.50.357.