

**WAC 246-71-030 Renewing qualifying patients and designated providers in the database.** (1) Recognition cards expire on the expiration date indicated on the patient's or designated provider's authorization. To be valid, an authorization must expire no later than:

(a) Twelve months after the date it was issued for patients age 18 and over;

(b) Twelve months after the date it was issued for designated providers; or

(c) Six months after the date it was issued for patients under the age of 18.

(2) To renew a recognition card a patient or designated provider must receive a new authorization following reexamination of the patient by a health care practitioner in-person or as authorized for compassionate care renewals as provided in RCW 69.51A.030. The qualifying patient or designated provider may take their new authorization to an endorsed outlet to be entered into the database.

(3) A qualifying patient's designated provider may renew the patient's registration and recognition card in the medical cannabis authorization database without the physical presence of the qualifying patient at the retailer if the authorization from the health care practitioner indicates that the qualifying patient qualifies for a compassionate care renewal as provided in RCW 69.51A.030. A qualifying patient receiving renewals under compassionate care renewal provisions is exempt from the requirement for a new photograph for the renewal.

(4) The procedures in WAC 246-71-020 must be used to enter the patient's or designated provider's new authorization into the database.

(5) The consultant shall ensure that the information required by WAC 246-71-020(9) is updated and accurate at the time of renewal.

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