

2022 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 23**AMENDMENT 23C FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1 **An Act to revise the definition of bona fide practitioner-patient relationship.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That § 34-20G-1 be AMENDED:**

4 **34-20G-1.** ————Terms used in this chapter mean:

5 (1) "Allowable amount of cannabis," ~~means:~~

6 (a) Three ounces of cannabis or less;

7 (b) The quantity of cannabis products as established by rules promulgated by
8 the department under § 34-20G-72;

9 (c) If the cardholder has a registry identification card allowing cultivation, three
10 cannabis plants minimum or as prescribed by physician; and

11 (d) If the cardholder has a registry identification card allowing cultivation, the
12 amount of cannabis and cannabis products that were produced from the
13 cardholder's allowable plants, if the cannabis and cannabis products are
14 possessed at the same property where the plants were cultivated;

15 (2) "Bona fide practitioner-patient relationship," ~~is~~ a treatment or consulting
16 relationship between a practitioner and patient, during which:

17 (a) ~~A practitioner and patient have a treatment or consulting relationship between a~~
18 ~~practitioner and patient, during the course of which the practitioner has completed~~
19 ~~completes, at every visit, an assessment of the patient's medical history and~~
20 ~~current medical condition, including an appropriate in-person physical~~
21 ~~examination;~~

22 (b) ~~The practitioner has consulted with the patient with respect to the patient's~~
23 ~~debilitating medical condition; and~~

24 (c) ~~The practitioner is available to or offers to provide follow-up care and treatment to~~
25 ~~the patient, including patient examinations;~~

- 1 ~~and during which the following circumstances are present:~~
- 2 ~~(a) The patient is under the practitioner's continued care for the debilitating medical~~
- 3 ~~condition that qualifies the patient for the medical use of cannabis;~~
- 4 ~~(b) The patient has a reasonable expectation that the practitioner will continue to~~
- 5 ~~provide in-person follow-up care to the patient to monitor the medical use of~~
- 6 ~~cannabis; and~~
- 7 ~~(c) The relationship is not for the sole purpose of providing a written certification for~~
- 8 ~~the medical use of cannabis;~~
- 9 (a) The practitioner completes, at the initial visit, an assessment of the patient's
- 10 medical history and current medical condition, including an appropriate in-person
- 11 physical examination;
- 12 (b) The patient is under the practitioner's care for the debilitating medical condition
- 13 that qualifies the patient for the medical use of cannabis or has been referred by
- 14 the practitioner caring for the patient's debilitating medical condition that qualifies
- 15 the patient for the medical use of cannabis to another practitioner;
- 16 (c) The patient has a reasonable expectation that the practitioner providing the written
- 17 certification will continue to provide follow-up care to the patient to monitor the
- 18 medical use of cannabis; and
- 19 (d) The relationship is not for the sole purpose of providing a written certification for
- 20 the medical use of cannabis unless the patient has been referred by a practitioner
- 21 providing care for the debilitating medical condition that qualifies the patient for
- 22 the medical use of cannabis.
- 23 (3) "Cannabis products," any concentrated cannabis, cannabis extracts, and products
- 24 that are infused with cannabis or an extract thereof, and are intended for use or
- 25 consumption by humans. The term includes edible cannabis products, beverages,
- 26 topical products, ointments, oils, and tinctures;
- 27 (4) "Cannabis product manufacturing facility," an entity registered with the
- 28 department pursuant to this chapter that acquires, possesses, manufactures,
- 29 delivers, transfers, transports, supplies, or sells cannabis products to a medical
- 30 cannabis dispensary;
- 31 (5) "Cannabis testing facility" or "testing facility," an independent entity registered
- 32 with the department pursuant to this chapter to analyze the safety and potency of
- 33 cannabis;
- 34 (6) "Cardholder," a qualifying patient or a designated caregiver who has been issued
- 35 and possesses a valid registry identification card;

- 1 (7) "Cultivation facility," an entity registered with the department pursuant to this
2 chapter that acquires, possesses, cultivates, delivers, transfers, transports,
3 supplies, or sells cannabis and related supplies to a medical cannabis
4 establishment;
- 5 (8) "Debilitating medical condition,":
- 6 (a) A chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition or its treatment that
7 produces one or more of the following: cachexia or wasting syndrome;
8 severe, debilitating pain; severe nausea; seizures; or severe and persistent
9 muscle spasms, including those characteristic of multiple sclerosis; or
- 10 (b) Any other medical condition or its treatment added by the department, as
11 provided for in § 34-20G-26;
- 12 (9) "Department," ~~means~~ the Department of Health;
- 13 (10) "Designated caregiver," a person who:
- 14 (a) Is at least twenty-one years of age;
- 15 (b) Has agreed to assist with a qualifying patient's medical use of cannabis;
- 16 (c) Has not been convicted of a disqualifying felony offense; and
- 17 (d) Assists no more than five qualifying patients with the medical use of
18 cannabis, unless the designated caregiver's qualifying patients each reside
19 in or are admitted to a health care facility or residential care facility where
20 the designated caregiver is employed;
- 21 (11) "Disqualifying felony offense," a violent crime that was classified as a felony in the
22 jurisdiction where the person was convicted;
- 23 (12) "Edible cannabis products," any product that:
- 24 (a) Contains or is infused with cannabis or an extract thereof;
- 25 (b) Is intended for human consumption by oral ingestion; and
- 26 (c) Is presented in the form of foodstuffs, beverages, extracts, oils, tinctures,
27 or other similar products;
- 28 (13) "Enclosed, locked facility," any closet, room, greenhouse, building, or other
29 enclosed area that is equipped with locks or other security devices that permit
30 access only by a cardholder or a person allowed to cultivate the plants. Two or
31 more cardholders who reside in the same dwelling may share one enclosed, locked
32 facility for cultivation;
- 33 (14) "Medical cannabis" or "cannabis," marijuana as defined in § 22-42-1;
- 34 (15) "Medical cannabis dispensary" or "dispensary," an entity registered with the
35 department pursuant to this chapter that acquires, possesses, stores, delivers,

- 1 transfers, transports, sells, supplies, or dispenses cannabis, cannabis products,
2 paraphernalia, or related supplies and educational materials to cardholders;
- 3 (16) "Medical cannabis establishment," a cultivation facility, a cannabis testing facility,
4 a cannabis product manufacturing facility, or a dispensary;
- 5 (17) "Medical cannabis establishment agent," an owner, officer, board member,
6 employee, or volunteer at a medical cannabis establishment;
- 7 (18) "Medical use," includes the acquisition, administration, cultivation, manufacture,
8 delivery, harvest, possession, preparation, transfer, transportation, or use of
9 cannabis or paraphernalia relating to the administration of cannabis to treat or
10 alleviate a registered qualifying patient's debilitating medical condition or symptom
11 associated with the patient's debilitating medical condition. The term does not
12 include:
- 13 (a) The cultivation of cannabis by a nonresident cardholder;
- 14 (b) The cultivation of cannabis by a cardholder who is not designated as being
15 allowed to cultivate on the cardholder's registry identification card; or
- 16 (c) The extraction of resin from cannabis by solvent extraction unless the
17 extraction is done by a cannabis product manufacturing facility;
- 18 (19) "Nonresident cardholder," a person who:
- 19 (a) Has been diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition, or is the parent,
20 guardian, conservator, or other person with authority to consent to the
21 medical treatment of a person who has been diagnosed with a debilitating
22 medical condition;
- 23 (b) Is not a resident of this state or who has been a resident of this state for
24 fewer than forty-five days;
- 25 (c) Was issued a currently valid registry identification card or its equivalent by
26 another state, district, territory, commonwealth, insular possession of the
27 United States, or country recognized by the United States that allows the
28 person to use cannabis for medical purposes in the jurisdiction of issuance;
29 and
- 30 (d) Has submitted any documentation required by the department, and has
31 received confirmation of registration;
- 32 (20) "Practitioner," a physician who is licensed with authority to prescribe drugs to
33 humans. In relation to a nonresident cardholder, the term means a person who is
34 licensed with authority to prescribe drugs to humans in the state of the patient's
35 residence;

- 1 (21) "Qualifying patient," a person who has been diagnosed by a practitioner as having
2 a debilitating medical condition;
- 3 (22) "Registry identification card," a document issued by the department that identifies
4 a person as a registered qualifying patient or registered designated caregiver, or
5 documentation that is deemed a registry identification card pursuant to §§ 34-20G-
6 29 to 34-20G-42, inclusive; and
- 7 (23) "Written certification," a document dated and signed by a practitioner, stating that
8 in the practitioner's professional opinion the patient is likely to receive therapeutic
9 or palliative benefit from the medical use of cannabis to treat or alleviate the
10 patient's debilitating medical condition or symptom associated with the debilitating
11 medical condition. This document shall affirm that it is made in the course of a
12 bona fide practitioner-patient relationship and shall specify the qualifying patient's
13 debilitating medical condition.