

WAC 246-71-010 Definitions. The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Authorization" means a form developed by the department that is completed and signed by a qualifying patient's health care professional and printed on tamper-resistant paper approved by the Washington pharmacy quality assurance commission.

(2) "Compassionate care renewal" means a renewal of an authorization by a health care practitioner through the use of telemedicine if the health care practitioner determines that requiring the qualifying patient to attend an in-person physical examination would likely result in severe hardship to the qualifying patient because of the qualifying patient's physical or emotional condition. A compassionate care renewal of a qualifying patient's registration and recognition card also allows the qualifying patient's designated provider to renew the qualifying patient's registration in the database and recognition card without the qualifying patient being physically present at a retailer and without a new photograph being taken.

(3) "Consultant" means a person who holds a valid medical cannabis consultant certificate issued by the secretary under chapter 246-72 WAC and who is employed by a retail outlet with a medical cannabis endorsement.

(4) "Credential for access" or "credentials" means information, electronic device, or certificate provided by the department or the department's designee to a data requestor to electronically access the database. The authentication may include, but is not limited to, a user name, password, or an identification electronic device or certificate.

(5) "Database" means the medical cannabis authorization database established under RCW 69.51A.230.

(6) "Department" means the Washington state department of health.

(7) "Designated provider" has the same meaning as RCW 69.51A.010(4).

(8) "Dispenser" means a person authorized to dispense controlled substances other than cannabis under chapter 69.50 RCW.

(9) "Health care practitioner" or "authorizing health care practitioner," for purposes of this chapter only, means a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW, a physician assistant licensed under chapter 18.71A RCW, an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 18.57 RCW, an osteopathic physician's assistant licensed under chapter 18.57A RCW, a naturopath licensed under chapter 18.36A RCW, or an advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW.

(10) "Official" means an official of a local, state, tribal, or federal law enforcement or prosecutorial agency.

(11) "Prescriber" means a person authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances other than cannabis under chapter 69.50 RCW.

(12) "Qualifying patient" or "patient" has the same meaning as RCW 69.51A.010(19).

(13) "Recognition card" means a card issued to qualifying patients and designated providers by a cannabis retailer with a medical cannabis endorsement that has entered them into the medical cannabis authorization database.

(14) "Retail outlet with a medical cannabis endorsement" or "endorsed outlet" means a location licensed by the WSLCB under RCW 69.50.325 for the retail sale of usable cannabis and cannabis-infused

products to the public, and under RCW 69.50.375 to qualifying patients and designated providers for medical use.

(15) "Telemedicine" has the same meaning as the definition of that term adopted by the authorizing health care practitioner's disciplining authority, whether defined in rule or policy.

(16) "Valid photographic identification" means:

(a) A driver's license or instruction permit issued by any state of the United States or province of Canada. If the patient's driver's license has expired, the patient must also show a valid temporary driver's license with the expired card.

(b) A state identification card issued by any state of the United States or province of Canada.

(c) An official passport issued by any nation.

(d) A United States armed forces identification card issued to active duty, reserve, and retired personnel and the personnel's dependents.

(e) A merchant marine identification card issued by the United States Coast Guard.

(f) An enrollment card issued by the governing authority of a federally recognized Indian tribe located in Washington, if the enrollment card incorporates security features comparable to those implemented by the department of licensing for Washington drivers' licenses.

A recognition card, whether current or expired, does not qualify as valid photographic identification.

(17) "Vendor" means the third-party administrator with whom the department has contracted to operate the database.

(18) "WSLCB" means the Washington state liquor and cannabis board.

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