

**WAC 246-71-040 Requirements for recognition cards.** (1) An endorsed outlet must have the following equipment readily available and maintained in good working order:

(a) A computer with internet access and capability of running a supported version of a common web browser;

(b) A digital camera with at least 10 megapixel resolution;

(c) A standard color printer able to print at least 300 dots per inch;

(d) A laminator; and

(e) A solid white, off-white, or light blue backdrop that is free of patterns, objects or textures, to use as the background for each picture.

(2) When issuing a recognition card to a qualifying patient or designated provider, an endorsed outlet must comply with the following requirements:

(a) Only a consultant employed by the endorsed outlet is allowed to print and create a card;

(b) The consultant shall take a picture of the face of the patient or designated provider at the same time they are entered into the database following the process specified by the department. Compassionate care renewals will use the qualifying patient's existing photograph and information retained securely in the database to generate a new recognition card for the patient. The endorsed outlet shall not otherwise retain or use the photograph or patient information for any purpose other than:

(i) Entering a qualifying patient or designated provider into the database;

(ii) Issuing a replacement card under WAC 246-71-120; or

(iii) Issuing a compassionate care renewal.

(c) The consultant shall create, print the card in full color, permanently laminate the card using a heat process, and issue it to the patient or designated provider following the process specified by the department; and

(d) The consultant shall return the authorization to the patient or designated provider. The endorsed outlet shall not retain a copy of the authorization.

(3) The database vendor shall ensure recognition cards contain the following:

(a) A randomly generated and unique identification number;

(b) The name of the patient or designated provider;

(c) For designated providers, the unique identification number of the patient they are assisting;

(d) A photograph of the patient or designated provider;

(e) The amounts of cannabis concentrates, usable cannabis, or cannabis-infused products the patient or designated provider is authorized to purchase or obtain at an endorsed outlet;

(f) The number of plants the patient or designated provider is authorized to grow;

(g) The effective date and expiration date of the card;

(h) The name of the health care professional who issued the authorization; and

(i) Additional security features required by the department to ensure the validity of the card.

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