

**MEDICINE BOARD[653]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Proposing rule making related to standards of practice for medical cannabidiol and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Board of Medicine hereby proposes to amend Chapter 13, “Standards of Practice and Principles of Medical Ethics,” Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rule Making*

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code chapters 124E, 148 and 272C.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapter 124E.

*Purpose and Summary*

This rule making amends rule 653—13.15(124E,147,148,272C), which establishes the standards of practice for the use of medical cannabidiol, by adding “ulcerative colitis” to the list of debilitating medical conditions for which medical cannabidiol may be used.

*Fiscal Impact*

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

*Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Board for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 653—Chapter 3.

*Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rule making. Written or oral comments in response to this rule making must be received by the Board no later than 4:30 p.m. on November 20, 2018. Comments should be directed to:

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*Public Hearing*

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

November 20, 2018  
9 a.m.

Board Office, Suite C  
400 S.W. 8th Street  
Des Moines, Iowa

Persons who wish to make oral comments at the public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rule making.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Board and advise of specific needs.

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rule-making action is proposed:

Amend subrule **13.15(1)**, definition of "Debilitating medical condition," as follows:

*"Debilitating medical condition"* means any of the following:

1. Cancer, if the underlying condition or treatment produces one or more of the following:
  - Severe or chronic pain.
  - Nausea or severe vomiting.
  - Cachexia or severe wasting.
2. Multiple sclerosis with severe and persistent muscle spasms.
3. Seizures, including those characteristic of epilepsy.
4. AIDS or HIV as defined in Iowa Code section 141A.1.
5. Crohn's disease.
6. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.
7. Any terminal illness, with a probable life expectancy of under one year, if the illness or its treatment produces one or more of the following:
  - Severe or chronic pain.
  - Nausea or severe vomiting.
  - Cachexia or severe wasting.
8. Parkinson's disease.
9. Untreatable pain.
10. Ulcerative colitis.