

To the Iowa Board of Pharmacy,

On June 29, 2020, Governor Kim Reynolds signed [HF2589](#) into law, which becomes effective on July 1, 2020.

This legislation includes amendments that have implications for **Pharmacists** and **Pharmacy Technicians**, including:

- Dispensaries will be required to employ either a *pharmacist* or a pharmacy technician.
 - Dispensaries will be responsible for the vetting and hiring of a staff pharmacist or pharmacy technician for the purpose of making dosing recommendations in some capacity.
- Removing the 3% THC limit on products, and replaces it with a ‘4.5g THC per 90-day’ purchase limit.
 - Establishes exceptions to the 4.5g THC per 90-day purchase limit for the terminally ill, or if the patient’s healthcare practitioner certifies them for additional THC.
 - This change includes the option for healthcare practitioners to certify patients for > 4.5g THC per 90-day period, using a waiver provided by the Department.
- Additional or amended conditions:
 - Amends ‘untreatable pain’ to ‘chronic pain’
 - Adds post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
 - Adds severe, intractable autism with self-injurious or aggressive behaviors.

As this is the first opportunity for your licensees to participate in Iowa’s Medical Cannabidiol Program, the program hosts a website with information at <https://idph.iowa.gov/omc>, where additional information about the program and processes can be found.

For any questions, please contact the Office of Medical Cannabidiol at (515)-725-2076 or medical.cannabidiol@idph.iowa.gov for assistance.

Thank you,

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