MEDICAL MARIHUANA FOR HOSPICE PATIENT

NHPCO Standard(s):

Regulatory Citation(s): 10 NYCRR Chapter XIII, Part 1004

POLICY

High Peaks Hospice (HPH) recognizes the right of patients in New York State to use medical marihuana to relieve symptoms, and will incorporate this intervention into the plan of care. HPH does not cover the cost of medical marihuana products. In all cases, the patient’s attending physician or his designee should be consulted.

PROCEDURE

1. A qualified patient on HPH services may be issued a certification for the use of an approved medical marijuana product by a New York State qualified practitioner.

2. The patient/family takes full responsibility in procuring, safe guarding, and disposal of the product.

3. HPH staff will not participate in procuring or administering medical marihuana.

4. HPH staff will document the use of the medical marihuana in the patient medical record.

5. HPH medical director will include the medical marihuana in the review of medications during Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) meetings. Any indications noted will be documented in the patient’s medical record.

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