



following Findings and Order.

**FINDINGS:**

1. The Petition to Add ASD as a debilitating medical condition for which the medical use of medical cannabidiol would be medically beneficial was properly filed in the Office of Medical Cannabidiol within the Iowa Department of Public Health.
2. The Iowa Medical Cannabidiol Board has jurisdiction to accept and review the Petition to Add ASD as a debilitating medical condition for which the medical use of medical cannabidiol would be medically beneficial pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 124E.
3. Recommendations of the Iowa Medical Cannabidiol Board regarding the addition of medical conditions to the list of debilitating medical conditions for which the medical use of cannabidiol would be medically beneficial shall be made to the Iowa Board of Medicine for consideration, and if approved by the Iowa Board of Medicine, shall be adopted by the Iowa Board of Medicine by rule pursuant to Iowa Code section 124E.5(4).
4. Petitioner requested that the Iowa Medical Cannabidiol Board recommend the Addition of ASD as a debilitating medical condition for which the medical use of medical cannabidiol would be medically beneficial.
5. Petitioner was offered an opportunity to present information to the Iowa Medical Cannabidiol Board at its meeting on November 2, 2018.
6. ASD refers to a group of complex neurodevelopment disorders characterized by repetitive and characteristic patterns of behavior and difficulties with social

communication and interaction.

7. The term “spectrum” refers to the wide range of symptoms, skills, and levels of disability in functioning that can occur in people with ASD.
8. Due to the wide range of symptoms, skills, and levels of disability in functioning that can occur in people with ASD, recommending all forms of ASD be added to the list of qualifying debilitating medical conditions is not warranted absent additional research indicating ASD is a debilitating medical condition for which the medical use of cannabidiol would be medically beneficial.
9. Concerns expressed by some board members about potential negative effects the use of medical cannabidiol may have on the developing young brain are not applicable to children with Severe, Intractable Pediatric Autism that includes Self-Injurious or Aggressive Behaviors due to the severity of the autism symptoms and level of disability.
10. Medical cannabidiol may be medically beneficial for treating symptoms in children with Severe, Intractable Pediatric Autism that includes Self-Injurious or Aggressive Behaviors.

ORDER:

The Iowa Medical Cannabidiol Board hereby recommends the addition of Severe, Intractable Pediatric Autism with Self-Injurious or Aggressive Behaviors to the list of debilitating medical conditions for which the medical use of cannabidiol would be medically beneficial. This recommendation shall be forwarded to the Iowa Board of Medicine for consideration.

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