

FINDINGS:

1. The Petition to Add Pulmonary Hypertension/ Right Heart Failure 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 Pulmonary Hypertension/ Right Heart Failure 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 Pulmonary Hypertension/ Right Heart Failure 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 February 1, 2019.
6. Pulmonary Hypertension is a rare but life-threatening disease that generally gets worse over time and may result in a terminal diagnosis.

7. Pulmonary Hypertension occurs when the pressure in the blood vessels that carry blood from the heart to the lungs is higher than normal.
8. Pulmonary Hypertension is closely associated with Heart Failure.
9. Evidence-based medical literature indicating that the medical use of cannabidiol would be medically beneficial for patients diagnosed with Pulmonary Hypertension/ Right Heart Failure is lacking.
10. The Petition indicated the petitioner was given a life expectancy of 1 – 2 years.
11. 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, is listed as a Debilitating Medical Condition for which the medical use of cannabidiol would be medically beneficial in Iowa Code section 124E.2(2)“g”.
12. Patients diagnosed with Pulmonary Hypertension/ Right Heart Failure may qualify for certification of 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, as a debilitating medical condition for purposes of Iowa Code chapter 124E.

ORDER:

The Iowa Medical Cannabidiol Board hereby denies the petition for the addition of Pulmonary Hypertension/ Right Heart Failure to the list of debilitating medical conditions for which the medical use of cannabidiol would be medically beneficial. Patients diagnosed with Pulmonary Hypertension/ Right Heart Failure may seek certification of 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, as a debilitating medical condition for which the medical use of cannabidiol would be medically beneficial and therefore addition of Pulmonary Hypertension/ Right Heart Failure as a debilitating medical conditions for which the medical use of cannabidiol would be medically beneficial is not necessary.

Mike McKelvey
By: Cpt. Mike McKelvey, Chairperson

March 8, 2019
Date