

**STATE OF IOWA
BEFORE THE IOWA MEDICAL CANNABIDIOL BOARD**

**PETTION FOR THE
ADDITION OF:**

Trigeminal Neuralgia

**as a debilitating
medical condition for which the
medical use of cannabidiol would
be medically beneficial**

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ORDER

On April 5, 2018, the Iowa Medical Cannabidiol Board received a Petition for Addition of Trigeminal Neuralgia to the list of debilitating medical conditions for which the medical use of cannabidiol would be medically beneficial. At a duly noticed meeting on August 3, 2018, the Iowa Medical Cannabidiol Board considered, pursuant to Iowa Code section 124E.5(3) and Iowa Administrative Code 641—154.65, the Petition. Board members Dr. Ken Cheyne, Dr. Jill Liesveld, Cpt. Mike McKelvey, Dr. Lonny Miller, Dr. Bob Shreck and Dr. Jacqueline Stoken were present at the meeting either in person or by phone when the Petition was considered. Dr. Zadeh was present in person for the first part of the August 3, 2018 meeting but left prior to the consideration of the Petition. Dr. Richards was absent. The Petitioner appeared at the August 3, 2018, meeting. The record includes the Petition and all information presented and discussed at the August 3, 2018, meeting.

The Iowa Medical Cannabidiol Board, after reviewing the record, voted 6 – 0 to DENY the Petition. Pursuant to 641 IAC 154.65(8), the Board issues the following Findings and Order.

FINDINGS:

1. The Petition to Add Trigeminal Neuralgia 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 Cananbidiol Board has jurisdiction to accept and review the Petition to Add Trigeminal Neuralgia 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 Trigeminal Neuralgia 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 August 3, 2018.
6. Trigeminal Neuralgia is a chronic pain condition that affects the trigeminal or 5th cranial nerve.
7. Trigeminal Neuralgia causes extreme, sporadic, sudden burning or shock-like facial pain.

8. Untreatable Pain is listed as a Debilitating Medical Condition for which the medical use of cannabidiol would be medically beneficial in Iowa Code section 124E.2(3)"e".
9. Untreatable Pain is defined in Iowa Code section 124E.2(8) as "any pain whose cause cannot be removed and, according to generally accepted medical practice, the full range of pain management modalities appropriate for the patient has been used without adequate result or with intolerable side effects."
10. Patients diagnosed with Trigeminal Neuralgia commonly have pain whose cause cannot be removed.
11. Patients diagnosed with Trigeminal Neuralgia qualify for certification of untreatable pain as a debilitating medical condition for purposes of Iowa Code chapter 124E when, according to generally accepted medical practice, the full range of pain management modalities appropriate for the patient has been used without adequate result or with intolerable side effects.

ORDER:

The Iowa Medical Cannabidiol Board hereby denies the petition for the addition of Trigeminal Neuralgia to the list of debilitating medical conditions for which the medical use of cannabidiol would be medically beneficial. Patients diagnosed with Trigeminal Neuralgia may seek certification of Untreatable Pain as a debilitating medical condition for which the medical use of cannabidiol would be medically beneficial and therefore addition of Trigeminal Neuralgia 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

Aug 29, 2018
Date

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