



## VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA CANNABIS FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FEDERAL LICENSED SELLERS

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Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) wishes to inform all federal licensed sellers of updates to its reimbursement policy for cannabis for medical purposes.

Effective October 17, 2019, Health Canada amended its *Cannabis Regulations* legalizing the production and sale of edible cannabis, cannabis extracts and cannabis topicals.

As a result, the reimbursement policy has been revised to include these new classes of cannabis, effective October 17, 2019. A copy of VAC's revised policy can be found at: [www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/about-vac/legislation-policies/policies/document/2461](http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/about-vac/legislation-policies/policies/document/2461)

The reimbursement limit of three grams per day will remain unchanged. Veterans Affairs Canada will continue to reimburse federal licensed sellers, at the same rate as any client paying directly for the same service/product, or up to the maximum of \$8.50 per gram – whichever amount is less.

However, federal licensed sellers **must now** identify the class of each product as edible cannabis, cannabis extracts, cannabis topicals, dried cannabis or fresh cannabis on all invoices, as well as, the THC and/or CBD percentages for each product. Invoices must continue to include the dried gram equivalent.

Transfers of medical documents between federal licensed sellers must be conducted in accordance with the *Cannabis Regulations* found at: [laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/Regulations/SOR-2018-144/index.html](http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/Regulations/SOR-2018-144/index.html)

Should you have any questions on the policy changes, please contact the National Contact Centre Network (NCCN) at 1-866-522-2122.

For details pertaining to fees and claims submission provider requirements, please refer to the Claims Submission Agreement and related supporting documentation found on the Medavie Blue Cross website at [www.medaviebc.ca](http://www.medaviebc.ca) and click on the Health Professionals link. On the website you will also find important information on how to:

- register to access our secure ePay provider portal by clicking on the Register or Update link;
- sign up for direct deposit; and
- view provider guides and benefit grids, download provider payment schedules and other important information.

Thank you for the ongoing care and service you provide to our Veterans.