

From: Virginia Board Pharmacy
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Subject: Medical Cannabis: Update to Written Certification



Board of Pharmacy

Good Evening,

The Written Certification for the Use of Medical Cannabis Products form has been updated to reflect changes made in the 2023 session of the Virginia General Assembly. **Practitioners must begin using the attached form to issue Written Certifications as of July 1, 2023.** All previous versions of the Written Certification form are now outdated and should no longer be used to issue written certifications. Written Certifications issued prior to 7/1/2023 on the previous form will remain valid until its assigned expiration date or otherwise discontinued.

Issuing a written certification using an outdated form is non-compliant and may lead to disciplinary action. The Board will exercise enforcement discretion during the month of July while practitioners incorporate this new form into their daily practice. Enforcement will begin as of August 1, 2023. Patients presenting a written certification on an outdated form that was issued on August 1, 2023 or later will not be able to obtain medical cannabis until a Written Certification is issued using the current form.

To ensure you are utilizing the correct form as of July 1, 2023, the form has the Seal of Virginia at the top and the date of 7/2023 in the lower left corner. Additionally, the form must be completed in its entirety, may not be altered in any way, must include the full legal name of the patient (i.e., Robert, not Bob), and must reflect a Virginia residence for the patient (permanent or temporary but must not be a state other than Virginia). Two new fields have been added to the form: one for your medical license number and one for the agent's name. These fields must be completed by you or your designated staff. An incomplete or altered form will render it void. N/A may be entered for the driver's license/state identification number if the patient does not possess or provide such number. Additionally, please note that written certifications should not be post-dated. The form should be dated using the same date it was signed and issued.

Questions may be directed to cbd@dhp.virginia.gov or (804) 367-4456.

Thank you.