



Oregon Board of Massage Therapists

Board Policy

SUBJECT: Topical Use Policy	NUMBER:
Effective: May 20, 2016	APPROVED: May 20, 2016

Policy/Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to provide licensees with direction on using topical products that may require a diagnosis or prescription and/or may include properties of marijuana infused topicals.

Authority:

ORS 475 and OAR 333 details the requirements for medical marijuana.
ORS 614 recreational marijuana.
ORS 687 details the scope of practice for massage therapists.
ORS 676 details the requirements of Duty to Report

Applicability:

This policy applies to the Licensees of the Oregon Board of Massage Therapists.

Attachments:

None

Definitions:

None

Guidelines:

1. Medical Marijuana:

OAR 334-010-0025 (b) states that massage therapy does not include use of equipment or devices that require a prescription or (c) making a medical diagnosis. Dispensing or applying medication is **not** within the scope of practice of a Licensed Massage Therapist. Marijuana-infused massage oils obtained by or through a medical marijuana cardholder are considered medicines under state law. Therefore, a licensee is prohibited from recommending or applying marijuana-infused massage oils obtained by or through a client who is a medical marijuana cardholder.

2. Recreational Marijuana:

Once retail stores are open and selling marijuana-infused topical creams or oils an LMT can legally purchase them at a retail establishment. (As long as they are over 21 years of age) If a client 21 years or older consented in writing to the use of such topical, the LMT who is 21 years of age or older can administer it to the client in a massage. The LMT is prohibited for charging extra for that infused topical. Any use of transdermal patches is prohibited. The LMT will use protective gloves or other barrier protection while applying any marijuana-infused topical creams or oils.

3. As per ORS 676.150, duty to report, licensees are required to report all violations of this policy to the Oregon Board of Massage Therapists.

*****END OF POLICY*****