

Adult Foster Home Provider Alert

Policy updates, rule clarifications and announcements

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To: APD Adult Foster Home Providers
From: Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit
Topic: **Cannabis Use in Adult Foster Homes**

Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) allows Adult Foster Home (AFH) providers to have a policy in their residency agreement about the use of cannabis (marijuana) products for medical or recreational use.

411-050-0705 Residency Agreement (3) The Agreement must disclose the home's policies regarding: (f) The presence and use of legal medical and recreational marijuana on the premises.

Since cannabis products are legal in Oregon AFH Providers may allow for cannabis products to be used and stored on the AFH property. Residents do have the right to choose to partake of cannabis, however it is important for AFH Providers to understand their role when it comes to safe and appropriate cannabis use and storage in an AFH.

Q: Can AFH providers store cannabis products for the resident?

A: Yes, AFH providers can store cannabis products just as they would other resident medications.

Q: Can an AFH resident keep cannabis products in their bedroom?

A: Yes, provided the product is stored just as any other medication would be when stored in a resident room for self-administration.

Q: Is it OK for the AFH provider to drive a resident to the dispensary?

A: No, this is not allowed. The AFH provider may not help the resident in purchasing or accessing cannabis products.

Q: Can the AFH provider help with dispensing cannabis products?

APD means Aging and People with Disabilities. APD adult foster homes are licensed to care for adults who are older and adults with physical disabilities.

A: No, neither the AFH provider nor the caregivers can administer a cannabis product to a resident.

Q: Does the resident need a medical order to use a cannabis product?

A: For medicinal cannabis, yes, an order is needed. However, if the resident is making a personal choice to use cannabis, that is their right as an adult in Oregon who is of legal age.

Q: If the resident has a medicinal order for cannabis, should the AFH Provider administer them then?

A: No. Under no circumstances can an AFH provider or caregiver administer cannabis products.

To read the policy transmittal, follow this link:

<https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/transmittals/APDTransmittals/pt24022.pdf>

If you have any additional questions, please email

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