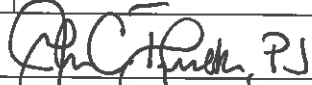
	Lebanon County Probation Services	Policy No.	5.1-2019 & 7.4-2019
		Pages:	2
		Section:	Adult and Juvenile Supervision
Related Standards:		Subject:	Medical Marijuana
Issuing Authority:		Revised Date:	SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Medical Marijuana Policy is to establish guidelines to be referenced by Lebanon County Probation Officers when supervising offenders who declare the certified use of Medical Marijuana.

The Medical Marijuana Act (Act 16 of 2016) was signed into law on April 17, 2016 and became effective May 17, 2016. This Act is intended to “serve as temporary measure until there is Federal Approval of and access to Medical Marijuana through traditional medical and pharmaceutical avenues.”

The medical marijuana card is **not a prescription** for medication, but rather a recommendation by a physician as to a form of treatment. Medical marijuana has not been approved as a MAT (medically assisted treatment) by the FDA (Food and Drug Administration). The use of medical marijuana may have benefits for some medical conditions and under certain circumstances may be helpful. Individuals, however, who are involved in substance abuse and issues surrounding addiction which may have played a part in the defendant’s criminal violations of law, must be dealt with in a humane but effective manner so the defendant can be rehabilitated and become a contributing member of society.

Under the Federal Controlled Substances Act (CSA) of 1970, marijuana is classified as a Schedule I substance. By definition under the law, Schedule I drugs have a high potential for abuse and dependency, with no recognized medical use or value. Any marijuana possession, cultivation, or use is a federal crime, subjecting a defendant to fines, prison time, or both. Since marijuana use (medical or recreational) is deemed illegal under Federal law, the Court and the Probation Department should not knowingly allow violations of law to occur, the prohibition against such use is required.

II. APPLICABILITY:

To all Probation Department employees and all offenders under the direct supervision of Lebanon County Probation Services.

III. POLICY:

Lebanon County Probation Services shall not permit the active use of medical marijuana, regardless of whether the defendant has a medical marijuana card, while the individual is under supervision by the Lebanon County Probation Services Department. Offenders under supervision who are currently using medical marijuana will have 30 days to discontinue use. Offenders may use CBD hemp oil as this product is legal, pursuant to the Agricultural Act of 2014, the Farm Bill.

Offenders are prohibited from using oil derived from the marijuana plant, or what most people call CBD cannabis oil. The use of CBD cannabis oil follows the same regulations as medical marijuana and shall likewise be prohibited while the defendant is under supervision.