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Topic: Did you know patients can redact certain information from their physician certification?

Applicable Statutes & Rules: § 44-10-501(10), C.R.S.; Rules 3-905, 5-110, 5-125, 1 CCR 212-3

The Colorado Department of Revenue’s Marijuana Enforcement Division (MED) is issuing this compliance tip to assist medical patients and stores in understanding what information may be redacted from a physician certification and be acceptable for sales. This compliance tip is related to the August 15, 2022 compliance tip related to required patient documentation.

Example Redactions (optional): The following attachments demonstrate the information that a patient may redact from their physician certification and still provide sufficient information for a licensed store to complete sales. Please note: the following examples look slightly different depending on whether the patient generates the certification form, or the physician generates the certification form. Links to examples of physician certifications are included in blue below.

Information that may be redacted:

Link: Patient-generated physician certification (redactions outlined in red)

- Diagnosis fields (including “disabling condition,” “debilitating condition,” and “etiology” fields);
- Reason for Increased Plant Count field.

Link: Provider-generated physician certification (redactions outlined in red)

- Patient Social Security Number field;
- Patient Date of Birth field;
- Diagnosis fields (including “disabling condition,” “debilitating condition,” and “etiology” fields);
- Amend Reason field.