

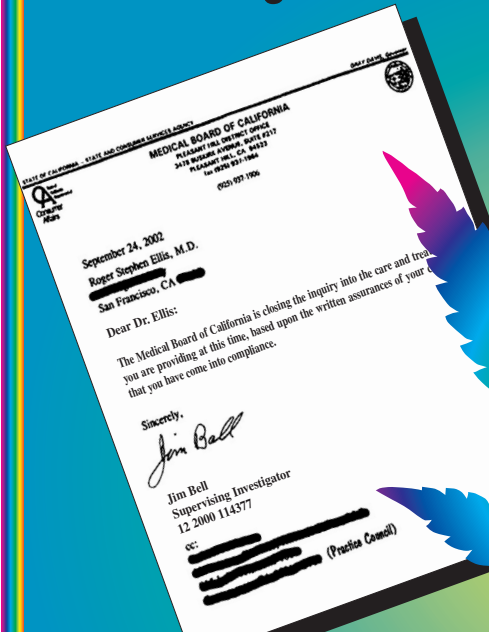
“Easy????”... : As It Should Be!!

Medical Marijuana Physician Evaluations

MEDICAL CLINIC

“...Chronic Pain...Arthritis...Migraine, or any other illness for which marijuana provides relief.” CA Health & Safety Code 11362.5

Chronic: Menstrual Pain, Insomnia, Asthma, Neck/Back Pain...



Medical Marijuana Patient Health Warning: The medical Board of CA recently clarified its Medical Marijuana practice standards derived from the routine practice of good faith Medicine. They include:

- Patient History AND Examination – initially in-person. (Presumably, with additional physician licensure and protocols, a CA licensed Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner ONLY may ‘substitute’ under the physician’s direct supervision).
- Confirmation of diagnosis (APPROPRIATE medical records, consultations, lab/radiology, etc.) (Presumably as ‘required’ by the same routine standards of medicine as for any other therapeutic intervention - surgery, chemotherapy, etc.).
- Periodic review – AT LEAST annually or more frequently.
- PROPER medical record keeping.

The Board’s Enforcement Chief also has recently published concerns regarding violations of the Medical Practices Act including fee-splitting, illegal non-physician hiring of physicians, improper clinic ownership, and aiding/abetting unlicensed practice of medicine. Additional patient risk exposure is created when Medical Marijuana recommendations are obtained from physicians whose practice includes ANY on premises evaluations at ANY Medical Marijuana dispensary (or any sham of non-equivalent). This clear violation of multiple Federal courts rulings forbidding physician aiding and abetting distribution of medical marijuana places ALL of same physician’s medical records subject to Federal seizure and subsequent individual patient Federal investigations / prosecutions. Even dispensaries not partaking in these practices are left at increased risk of Federal invasion whenever these community (or State wide) thresholds are violated. While others may profit from negligent (or fraudulent) substandard / sham ‘Prop 215’ evaluations, it is, as usual, the patients (and their families, homes, careers, education, fundamental liberty itself, etc.) that are left exposed to substantial undue risk of expensive and consuming (or worse) entanglement with our over burdened criminal justice systems. It’s not 1996 anymore. What does 1 billable hour of ‘legal’ cost? / How much gets done with just 1 billable hour? / How long does such a morass drag out? / What is the downside if ALL doesn’t resolve favorably 1000%?

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