

# OPWDD Update – 2017 NYS ID/DD Nursing Association Annual Conference

September 25, 2017



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## Statewide Learning Management System (SLMS)

Staff from voluntary providers should go to the following link in order to register for a class on SLMS

[https://opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd\\_careers\\_training/training\\_opportunities/slms](https://opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_careers_training/training_opportunities/slms)



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## Statewide Learning Management System (SLMS)

If you are a first time user, click on “SLMS Account Creation” and follow directions.

[https://opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd\)careers\\_training/training\\_opportunities/slms-account-creation](https://opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd)careers_training/training_opportunities/slms-account-creation)



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### Statewide Learning Management System (SLMS)

Any questions related to SLMS login should be directed to Talent Development & Training by phone at: (518) 473-1190 or via e-mail [TalentDevelopment@opwdd.ny.gov](mailto:TalentDevelopment@opwdd.ny.gov)



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### OPWDD Training Updates

- Diabetes and the Developmentally Disabled – Held 4 times per year
- RRTI (Rehabilitation Research and Training Institute) – now offering Diabetes training – titled Diabetes 360 and Diabetes 180
- MIPS – Updates being finalized
- Medication Administration Curriculum



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### RRTI – Rehabilitation Research and Training Institute

Upcoming Diabetes Trainings:

- Diabetes 360 – This is held in two 4-hour sessions.  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> .... 12pm – 4pm  
October 10<sup>th</sup> .... 12pm – 4pm  
Cost - \$250
- Diabetes 180 – November 8<sup>th</sup> .... 10am – 12pm  
Cost - \$125



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### Leadership Changes

- Helene DeSanto, Executive Deputy Commissioner is retiring in December
- Jay Kiyonaga has been appointed to this role.

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### Medical Marijuana

- The NYS Department of Health launched the states Medical Marijuana Program on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 as scheduled - - 18 months after Governor Cuomo signed the Compassionate Care Act.
- The program makes approved forms of medical marijuana, which has been shown to help alleviate pain and enhance the quality of life for individuals suffering from certain diseases, available with a physician's certification at designated dispensaries across NYS.

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### Medical Marijuana

- As of August 8, 2017:
- There were 26,561 certified patients
  - There were 1,155 registered practitioners participating in the program
  - The number of certified patients has increased by 11,569 (77%) since the addition of chronic pain as an qualifying condition.

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## Medical Marijuana

Recent enhancements to the program include:

- Adding chronic pain as a qualifying condition
- Permitting home delivery
- Allowing Nurse Practitioners and Physician's Assistants to certify patients
- Publishing a list of registered practitioners who have **consented** to being listed publicly




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## Qualifying Conditions

- Cancer
- HIV / AIDS
- ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease)
- Parkinson's Disease
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Neuropathies
- Huntington's Disease
- Epilepsy
- Intractable spasticity caused by damage to the nervous system
- Chronic Pain




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## Approved Medical Marijuana Products

Registered organizations are permitted to manufacture medical marijuana products in the following dosage forms:

- Liquid or oral preparations for metered oral mucosal or sublingual administration or for administration per tube
- Metered liquid or oil preparations for vaporization




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### Approved Medical Marijuana Products

- Capsules for oral administration
- Any additional form and route of administration approved by the Commissioner
- Smoking and edible products are not permitted

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### Medical Marijuana

Medical Marijuana is a Schedule 1 controlled substance

- Because medical marijuana drugs are an FDA Schedule 1 controlled substance, NYS and Federal Law prohibits nurses (RN & LPN) from administering and from supervising anyone who administers it

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### Medical Marijuana

- With regards to CBD oil, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has taken the stance, (as with medical marijuana), that even those oils with a THC content of less than 0.3% are considered a Schedule 1 substance, which as stated above, cannot legally be administered by our nurses

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## Medical Marijuana

### Synthetic Forms of Marijuana

- There are 2 drugs that contain a synthetic form of marijuana, Marinol and Cesamet. These two drugs can be administered by our nurses pursuant to a valid doctors order




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## Medical Marijuana

### Synthetic Forms of Marijuana

- NYS and Federal law allows RN's and LPN's to administer Epidiolex, pursuant to a valid doctors order, when the drug is administered as part of a clinical trial (investigational use)
- Epidiolex contains a synthetic form of marijuana that is primarily prescribed to children and may only be used as part of clinical trials




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## Medical Marijuana

### AMAP certification and the administration of Medical Marijuana

- In NYS, nurses cannot administer a Schedule 1 drug, which is the schedule assigned to medical marijuana
- This subsequently means that the administration of medical marijuana cannot be delegated to an AMAP certified direct support staff




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### Medical Marijuana

- Per the State Board of Nursing (SBON), “NYS licensed nurses are not legally allowed to provide nursing services that violate federal law, including supervising staff while they provide services in violation of federal law.”
- This includes assisting someone who is self-administering with cuing and/or assisting with opening a safe that the medical marijuana may be stored in.




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### Medical Marijuana

- Our direct support staff may not assist an individual with self administering medical marijuana or any other Schedule 1 drug, per the SBON
- Nurses may administer Marinol or Cesamet because these drugs are a synthetic form.




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### Medical Marijuana

- In a certified setting, with nursing oversight, the SBON has stated that these laws would not prohibit an AMAP from administering Epidiolex if the individual it is being administered to is enrolled in an investigational use program or clinical trials.




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## Medical Marijuana

### Administration of Medical Marijuana

- Families have been told that if they are a designated caregiver, they can go into a residence to administer the medical marijuana.
- They must then take the medical marijuana with them as OPWDD may not be stored in our residences.




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More information on New York's Medical Marijuana Program can be found at:

[http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/medical\\_marijuana/](http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/medical_marijuana/)




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