



# Chelan County District Court Probation Services

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## POLICY ON MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS/MARIJUANA

The Washington State Legislature recently amended and clarified the law on the medical use of cannabis/marijuana (E2SSB 5073); the law takes effect July 2011. As stated in the Act, state, county or city correctional agencies shall retain the authority to establish and enforce terms for those on active supervision. As further stated in the law:

1. Offenders DO NOT have the right to accommodation of any medical use of cannabis/marijuana while under probation supervision.
2. Offenders on supervised probation DO NOT have the right to be a producer, processor of cannabis products, or a dispenser of medical cannabis.
3. Arrest and prosecution protections established by law may NOT be asserted in a probation supervision revocation or violation hearing.

In consideration of the above, it is the policy of Chelan County District Court Probation Services that:

1. Offenders granted deferred prosecution citing alcohol or drug addiction must discontinue use of medical cannabis/marijuana throughout the entire duration of the chemical dependency treatment. Failure to do so would be grounds for the revocation of the Deferred Prosecution.
2. In all other instances of a probation requirement for substance abuse or chemical dependency treatment, the use of medical cannabis/marijuana WILL NOT be allowed during the course of the treatment plan.
3. No offender on probation supervision will be allowed to be a producer, processor or dispenser of medical cannabis/marijuana or cannabis products for the entire term of active probation supervision.

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