

C3RN Cannabis Community Care and Research Network

[H4274]: Policy Recommendations

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Executive Summary (~1 pg):

Background

1. The current situation
   * What’s unique about the veteran population? What makes them most-at-risk and what are their health challenges?
     + MA-specific data on this population
   * What has the VA done to address these issues and why has it been insufficient?
     + Overreliance on Rx drugs
     + Under reliance on mental health services, social support
     + Snapshot of a veteran in MA with PTSD/other condition and what their process would look like to seek support from the VA
       - Focus on cost, burden of administrative issues
       - Way to bring in QALY metric?
   * End result: the crisis is worsening and there need to be changes
2. Literature review findings on medical cannabis its benefits
   * Key takeaways about medical cannabis, tied to the issues the target population is facing
   * Section on legislative landscape for medical cannabis in MA
   * Snapshot of a veteran in MA with the same profile as above and and what their process would look like if medical cannabis were available to them
3. Key findings from the survey
   * Each graph the team has decided on with text to accompany it and explain why it’s important
4. Policy Recommendations
   * 5 key policy change recommendations
     + Include ideas on how to execute?

Appendix A: Raw Data from Veterans’ Health and Cannabis Study

Appendix B: Works Cited