

Cannabis Policy

James H. Schrenker, M.D. is registered in the state of Virginia to write a certification for the medical use of cannabis.

In order to be given a written certification for the medical use of cannabis, individuals must be current patients of the practice and reside in Virginia. The patient must have a diagnosis that supports its use, solely based on the discretion of Dr. Schrenker. Prospective medical cannabis users must first follow standard procedures for becoming new patients. **No** certifications will be given by our physician extenders. Once Dr. Schrenker and the patient decide medical cannabis is the best solution for the given medical diagnosis, a certification will be issued and a patient/provider contract signed.

IHC is in Tennessee and therefore we must follow the Tennessee state regulations for controlled substances. Examples of controlled substances are Lortab, Xanax, Gabapentin etc. Tennessee classifies cannabis as an illicit substance, and do not allow for the legality in Virginia to overshadow the illegality in Tennessee. Therefore, if cannabis is detected on a standard urine drug screen, regardless of any valid certification held by the patient, we will follow our conformation policy and send the sample to a reference lab. If it is determined to be present all controlled substances will be appropriately weaned and said patient will not be prescribed controlled substances through IHC.

It is the intent of all of our providers to practice the at highest level of care. This includes prescribing medications, including cannabis, that best meet the needs of an individual patient.