

NAME: Medical Marijuana Policy
ISSUING DEPARTMENT President's Office/Council of Trustees
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Background

Pennsylvania became the 24th state to allow medical marijuana use when Governor Tom Wolf signed enabling legislation in April 2016. Marijuana prescriptions are restricted to state residents suffering with any of 17 “serious medical conditions,” including cancer, glaucoma, epilepsy, HIV/AIDS, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Prescriptions are filled only at approved dispensaries, with the first dispensaries opened in Pennsylvania on February 15, 2018.

Policy

The use, possession, storage, or cultivation of marijuana for medical purposes is prohibited for all individuals on all Mansfield University properties and instructional locations, including, but not limited to the facilities at Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pennsylvania. Medical marijuana use is also prohibited at all Mansfield University sponsored, conducted, or authorized events and activities held off campus. The federal government regulates drugs through numerous laws, including the Controlled Substance Act, the Drug Free Workplace Act, and the Drug Free Schools & Communities Act as codified under the Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations [EDGAR Part 86]. These laws do not recognize the difference between medicinal and other uses of marijuana, which is classified as a Schedule I drug under the Controlled Substances Act. Mansfield University must abide by and certify it is in compliance with all federal laws and regulations in order to be eligible to receive federal funding through Title IV in the form of student financial aid (grants, loans, and work-study program), as well as other forms of federal funding, such as research or program grants like TRiO. Students and employees who violate this policy may be subject to campus sanctions and federal penalties.

Scope

This policy applies to anyone who has a physical presence on University properties, instructional locations, or at off campus activities and events sponsored or authorized by the University. Beyond students and employees, this policy also applies to visitors, contractors, and employees who work for contractors, including bookstore and food services personnel.

Forms

The University requires most first and second year students who reside 50 miles or more away from Mansfield to reside on campus. Students with valid medical marijuana prescriptions may petition the Office of Disability Services to be waived out of their campus housing requirements.

Responsibility

Because this is a University governance issue, responsibility for this policy is with the President's Office and the Council of Trustees.

DISTRIBUTION

Mansfield University's Student Handbook, Student Code of Conduct, Residence Life Handbook, and student catalogs shall be updated to reflect medical marijuana is prohibited and violations of this policy may lead to campus sanctions and federal penalties. The annual notification of substance abuse policy and information to all students, staff and faculty, as required by the Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations [EDGAR Part 86], shall also be updated to note this prohibition.