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Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

RE: Current Consultations

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) policy currently under review. The attached enclosure provides comments and suggestions on *Marijuana for Medical Purposes* policy.

| College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario | |
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| Document | Comment |
| <i>Marijuana for Medical Purposes</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We strongly support this document and find the content very helpful. • The CPSA also considers completing a medical document comparable to writing a prescription and as such, physicians must consider this activity as part of an insured service. • We support the recommendation that physicians who prescribe dried marijuana first require patients to sign a written agreement that the patient will not seek dried marijuana from another physician or any other source (lines 106 – 111). We will be taking this recommendation into consideration when revising our own policy. • A number of licensed producers report that some physicians are demanding payment from the licensed producer to verify the medical document (as required under the <i>Marihuana for Medical Purpose Regulations</i>). Consider addressing this activity and the potential for conflict of interest. |