



NHNA Position Statement

New Hampshire Nurses Association

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Cannabis Legalization for Recreational Use

The New Hampshire Nurses Association (NHNA) utilizes its expertise in health and healthcare to advocate for public policy that promotes the health and wellbeing of all NH residents.

Whereas New Hampshire is considering legislation for cannabis legalization for recreational use:

- while struggling with an opioid crisis;
- without sound research on the benefits and harms of cannabis and cannabis-related products;
- when the use and possession of cannabis is illegal under federal law;
- with an emergent vaping issue among youth;
- with NH youth cited as having some of the highest substance misuse in the nation;
- without adequate treatment program resources to meet existing addiction disorders;
- without reliable or scientific tests for marijuana impairment; and
- without regulations or protections for our children and communities;

NHNA believes that it is imprudent to legalize recreational marijuana. Legalization of recreational marijuana does not promote the health and wellbeing of New Hampshire residents. Furthermore, based on available research, we believe that legalizing recreational marijuana will have a negative impact on the public's health and put the future health and wellness of New Hampshire's youth at risk.

NHNA stands with New Futures, NH Association of Chiefs of Police, AAA Northern New England, New Hampshire Public Health Association, New Hampshire Medical Society, and the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs in opposition to legalization and commercialization of recreational marijuana.

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