Use Case Description: Display Medical Marijuana Information

Overview

Maryland law allows registered physicians to issue a certificate for medical cannabis for patients with certain medical conditions. Patients apply to the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission (MMCC) for certification to procure medical cannabis to treat their illness. A physician may issue a medical cannabis certificate that the patient is able to a medical cannabis dispensary to purchase the cannabis. Since the certificate is not a prescription, the patient is not bound to purchase a specific type or amount of medical cannabis from the dispensary. Medical cannabis dispenses are reported from all Maryland dispensaries to the MMCC. This dispense data is not currently available outside of the MMCC system, therefore the physician who issued a patient certification has no ability to see details of the actual product purchased by his patient. In addition, other healthcare providers have requested the ability to see medical cannabis use information for their patients, especially in the behavioral health community. As contraindications exist for certain types of cannabis products when the patient has specific behavioral health disorders, knowing when a patient is receiving medical marijuana is relevant to clinicians making prescribing and other clinical decisions in order to provide optimal patient care.

Permitted Purpose Category

For Treatment Purposes (Permitted Purpose #1).

Technical Design

Dispense data will be made available in the Unified Landing Page (ULP) and within the CRISP embedded app as well as other EMR in-context implementations.

MMCC collects data from each of the dispensaries and will provide a single, daily file with all dispensing information to CRISP. The MMCC file will include: Time, Patient, Caregiver, Receipt Number, Delivery, Package, Item, Category, Quantity, Flower, THC. CRISP will work with stakeholder clinicians to determine the fields and layout to be displayed.

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This use case will allow participants with clinical access to view medical marijuana dispensing information. CRISP participants with clinical access will be able to view MMCC information for patients with whom they have a treatment relationship according to the Participation Agreement and CRISP Policies. The MMCC and dispensaries will not have access to CRISP services and will not be able to view any patient data.

Opt-Out Applicability

Individuals who have chosen to opt out of CRISP will not have dispense data made available via CRISP services.

MMCC Responsibilities

MMCC is a covered entity and will be required to follow all CRISP policies and procedures contained in a data use agreement. MMCC will update their notice of privacy practices and include CRISP opt-out language in registration materials provided to customers at enrollment and each subsequent renewal.

Approval

This Use Case Policy has been approved by the Clinical Advisory Board.

Chairperson _____

Dated 5/21/19 _____