

Assignment 5.1 – Angela Weston

Evaluate two aspects of your state’s laws/policies related to medical cannabis (e.g., patient requirements, physician requirements, product availability, product analysis, etc) and compare these to two other states.

Law/policy	Georgia	Hawaii	Arkansas
1. Legal Possession and prescribing of Medical Cannabis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Georgia law authorizes the possession of 20 fluid ounces of low THC oil.</li> <li>• Patients must be registered.</li> <li>• Patients are eligible if they have one or more of the diseases specified by the law.</li> <li>• Providers are unable to prescribe cannabis to patients, but they can evaluate them for the registry.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Hawaii Patients must be registered to use medical cannabis.</li> <li>• Patients registered in other states may be able to benefit from the program while visiting the islands.</li> <li>• Hawaii has both a cannabis and dispensary program for medicinal purposes.</li> <li>• Patients and caregivers can legally grow their own cannabis plants with certain parameters.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patients are eligible if they have one of the qualifying conditions.</li> <li>• Patients registered in other states may obtain cannabis from the dispensary with approval.</li> <li>• Registered patients can purchase up to 2.5 ounces from the dispensary every 14 days.</li> </ul>
2. Purchasing Medical Cannabis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The state does not have any dispensaries or pharmacies to dispense the oil to patients.</li> <li>• The sale or purchasing of cannabis, even for</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hawaii has dispensaries to provide medical cannabis to patients.</li> <li>• The Dispensary Licensing program monitors the quality of the cannabis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arkansas has dispensaries to provide medical cannabis to patients.</li> <li>• The Alcohol and Beverage Control agency is responsible for the licensure of the dispensaries.</li> </ul>

	<p>medicinal purposes, is illegal in Georgia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The state put the cart before the horse by making it legal for patients to possess the oil but, not providing a means to obtain it.</li> </ul>	<p>products from seed to sale.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The state oversees the labs tests for quality and safety. They also monitor the dispensaries, who will grow, manufacture and sells the products to patients.</li> </ul>	
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