

Calif. doctor's notes not valid at Nev. pot dispensaries

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Medical marijuana dispensaries should no longer be able to accept California doctors' recommendations from out-of-state patients to purchase in Nevada, according to an opinion from the state Attorney General's Office, sent last week to the Department of Health and Human Services.

In a letter from Attorney General Adam Laxalt to health department Director Richard Whitley, obtained by the Sun on Friday, Laxalt's office responds to two department inquiries on the Silver State's medical marijuana program: whether patients can use a copy of a completed application at a Nevada dispensary to purchase medical marijuana, and whether out-of-state residents should be allowed to use a California physician's note to purchase medical marijuana. Laxalt advised against both practices.

The letter and subsequent recommendations came as a surprise to Nevada dispensary owners, who said they were unaware that Whitley had reached out to the Attorney General's Office. Some went as far as to call the potential effect of the letter "devastating" to business and patients they claim rely on such measures to purchase marijuana while in town.

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