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STATEMENT | DÉCLARATION

Chief statement: Application of evidence

Efforts, September 9, 2016 - The CMA is committed to the Task Force on Marijuana's mandate to develop evidence-based recommendations for the regulation of marijuana in Canada. While the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) understands the government's determination to proceed with legislation that will change the legal status of marijuana, the CMA is concerned with potential health and health service impacts. The CMA's submission is informed by a thorough and rigorous review of the evidence on both the legal and non-legal use of cannabis and related products. It is based on an assessment of the evidence and is intended to help inform the Task Force's deliberations on the appropriate regulatory framework for the legalization of marijuana.

The CMA recommends that the Task Force conduct an evidence-based analysis of the potential health and health service impacts of marijuana legalization. This analysis should include an assessment of the potential benefits and risks associated with marijuana legalization, as well as the potential costs and benefits for the Canadian healthcare system.

The CMA also recommends that the Task Force consider the role of healthcare professionals in the implementation of marijuana legalization. This includes the development of guidelines and training materials for healthcare professionals, as well as the provision of resources to support the implementation of marijuana legalization.

The CMA supports the Task Force's mandate to consider the potential public health consequences of marijuana legalization. This includes the development of public education campaigns to inform the public about the risks and benefits of marijuana use.

The CMA also supports the Task Force's mandate to consider the potential economic implications of marijuana legalization. This includes the development of strategies to ensure that the costs of marijuana legalization are offset by the revenue generated from the legalization of marijuana.

The CMA recommends that the Task Force consider the potential impact of marijuana legalization on the Canadian healthcare system. This includes the development of strategies to ensure that the healthcare system is adequately prepared to respond to the potential demand for services related to marijuana use.

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Pre-consultation

The CMA is committed to providing evidence-based recommendations for the Task Force on Marijuana's mandate to develop evidence-based recommendations for the regulation of marijuana in Canada.