



## **National Families in Action's Position on Medical Marijuana**

National Families in Action's position is that no local, state, or federal legislative body should legalize marijuana for medical use before it has been approved by the US Food and Drug Administration.

We doubt any State Legislature would legalize a COVID-19 vaccine that had not been approved by FDA as safe and effective to vaccinate people.

But that is exactly what states are doing when they legalize marijuana for medical use.

To date, FDA has approved 4 medications made from a single component in marijuana (see other side). Three were made using pure chemicals to make a "carbon copy" of a single marijuana component. (The drug contains more than 400 chemicals.) One was made by extracting and highly purifying a single marijuana component. All four:

- are 100 percent pure,
- contain a uniform dose each time they are used,
- contain no contaminants,
- have been proved through clinical trials that they are safe and effective.

Legalizing marijuana for medical use offers none of these protections.



# FDA Approved Marijuana Medicines

[Epidiolex®](#) is CBD (cannabidiol). It is extracted from the marijuana plant and purified. It comes in oil form and contains no THC. FDA approved it in 2018 to treat Dravet and Lenox Gastaut syndromes, two rare forms of epilepsy. It is in Schedule V.

Doctors can prescribe it. Pharmacies can sell it. Insurance covers it. Doctors can prescribe it “off-label” for other conditions.



[Marinol®](#) is THC (dronabinol). It is synthesized using pure chemicals to make a “carbon copy” of the THC in marijuana without any heavy metals, pesticides, or other contaminants. It comes in pill form. FDA approved it in 1985 as safe and effective to treat chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting and AIDS wasting. It is in Schedule II -> III. Doses: 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg.

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[Syndros®](#) is THC (dronabinol). It is synthesized using pure chemicals to make a “carbon copy” of the THC in marijuana without any heavy metals, pesticides, or other contaminants. It is an oral solution. FDA approved it in 2016 as safe and effective to treat chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting and AIDS wasting. It is in Schedule II -> III. Doses: 2.1 mg twice a day. Maximum dose: 8.4 mg twice a day.

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[Cesamet®](#) is similar to THC (nabilone). It is synthesized using pure chemicals to make a “carbon copy” of the THC in marijuana without any heavy metals, pesticides, or other contaminants. It comes in pill form. FDA approved it in 1985 to treat chemotherapy-related nausea when standard drugs don’t work. It is in Schedule II. Doses: 1 mg to 2 mg twice a day. Maximum dose 6 mg a day.

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