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Subject: RE: CBD guidance for clients

Thanks for the note, Dr. Washington –

Since this is a Board question, I am copying Board administrator, Jeanne Webber, so this can get in front of the Board at a future meeting.

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Hello Dr. Crawford,

At my practice we have monthly doctors meetings where we review the information that we learned at conferences. Today's speaker went to a recent conference in Portland where she learned from an internal medicine specialist about the use of CBD in dogs and cats. When I first started to practice here my supervisor told me that in New Hampshire we were not allowed to recommend, guide or have any discussion with our clients regarding CBD or any other cannabidiol containing substances. This was not a concern in any of the other states where I have practiced, but I have complied with that request, even though I have had previous experience as well as have read research that supports its use. As I work with chronically ill patients, I am frequently asked to make recommendations, or give an opinion about CBD or even THC in pets and when I decline the clients express surprise and have stated that the vet "down the road" recommended such and such. This is easy because down the road can mean Maine, or Massachusetts where THC is legal and CBD is used frequently in veterinary medicine.

As a result of our team meeting today I am writing to ask if there are any changes in the board's stance regarding New Hampshire veterinarians and our ability to guide clients who are already using these products? It seems to me like we are being left behind while our colleagues are exploring the medicinal benefits and making us appear to be less informed, or less willing to be helpful when managing certain patients. I appreciate your time and opinion. Thanks.

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