



Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Cannabis Health & Beauty Aids (CHABA)

Question 1

What is a cannabis health and beauty aid (CHABA)?

As defined in [RCW 69.50.575](#) a CHABA is a product containing parts of the cannabis plant which:

1. Is intended for use only as a topical application to provide therapeutic benefit or to enhance appearance;
2. Contains a THC concentration of not more than 0.3 percent;
3. Does not cross the blood-brain barrier; and
4. Is not intended for ingestion by humans or animals.

Question 2 (adapted from Department of Health's Massage Practitioner FAQ)

May chiropractors use cannabis health and beauty aids in their practice?

The Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission (CQAC) has determined that items defined in statute as CHABA are legal for chiropractors to use in their practice. While CQAC has made this determination, chiropractors should ensure that other relevant state and federal agencies permit the use of CHABA.

Question 3 (adapted from Department of Health's Massage Practitioner FAQs)

May chiropractors use cannabis-infused oils or lotions in their practice?

CQAC has determined that topical products, such as oils and lotions that meet the definition of a CHABA in [RCW 69.50.575](#) (see Question 1) are legal for chiropractors to use in their practice. While CQAC has made this determination, chiropractors should ensure that other relevant state and federal agencies permit the use of CHABA.

CQAC has also determined it is not within the scope of practice of chiropractors to use any products, including topical lotions and oils that contain more than 0.3% THC on their clients even if the product is the subject of a medical marijuana authorization or the patient requests and provides the product for the chiropractor to use.

Question 4

May chiropractors use cannabidiol (CBD) products in their practice?

CQAC has determined that chiropractors may use items defined as CHABA in their practice. A CBD product may or may not meet the statutory definition of a CHABA. It is the responsibility of the licensed chiropractor to ensure any CBD product they use meets in definition of a CHABA product as defined in [RCW 69.50.575](#) (See Question 1). While CQAC has made this determination, chiropractors should ensure that other relevant state and federal agencies permit the use of CHABA.

Question 5

May a chiropractor sell cannabis health and beauty aids (CHABA) as part of their practice?

CQAC has determined that chiropractors may sell items defined in statute as CHABA. While CQAC has made this determination, chiropractors should ensure that other relevant state and federal agencies permit the sale of CHABA.