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MEDICAL CANNABIS COVERAGE

Now that cannabis has been legalized, we have been seeing an increase in inquiries regarding coverage for **medical** cannabis.

Firms who wish to provide **medical** cannabis coverage are already able to do this by adding a Health Spending Account (HSA) to their CINUP program (cannabis for recreational use is not covered). Coverage for cannabis will not otherwise be added to the CINUP health benefits at this time.

Under an HSA, plan members can claim medical expenses that are not covered under their primary plan, but which are considered eligible medical expenses by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). The CRA recognizes **medical** cannabis as an eligible medical expense when “purchased in accordance with the Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations or section 56 of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.”

For complete information about the CRA guidelines, go to: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/forms-publications/publications/rc4065/medical-expenses-2016.html>.

If you have questions, contact your advisor or CINUP Customer Care at 1.800.665.1234 or by email at eebenefits@cinup.ca.



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