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California Insurer Offers Medical Marijuana Coverage

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A California insurance company now offers coverage for "all aspects" of the medical marijuana industry, including liability, workers' compensation, and operations related to growing pot.

Statewide Insurance Services of Rancho-Cordova said its new coverage plan, launched

Monday, extends to all 50 states, even though medical marijuana is only legal in 14, [The Sacramento Bee](#) reported.

"Now that we can offer (services) in all 50 states, we can start the minute they go legal, without delay," Mike Aberle, director of Statewide's Medical Marijuana Specialty Division, told the newspaper.

The company will also cover motor vehicles used to transport marijuana and product loss.

Medical marijuana dispensaries can expect to pay \$650 to \$25,000 a year on premiums, depending on the size and type of operation. Typical policies have annual premiums in the \$1,000- to-\$4,000 range, Aberle said.

California voters approved marijuana for medical use in 1996. The number of dispensaries rose dramatically in 2009 when the Obama administration said it would not prosecute law-abiding marijuana growers and sellers. There are an estimated 2,000 dispensaries in the state.

Medical marijuana is also legal in Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, New Jersey, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington.

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bob

6:55PM Mar 2nd 2010

This and Jerry Brown running for governor.

The hip(replacement)pies are back!!

All that's left is to move the Governor's Mansion to 710 Ashbury.

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RightTrash1

7:06PM Mar 2nd 2010

now that's the kind of healthcare reform we need!

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sstew1221

7:09PM Mar 2nd 2010

SOUNDS LIKE THE STATE GOVERNMENT IS EXPERIENCING A MAJOR "HIGH"!

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Special K

7:14PM Mar 2nd 2010

A high, is a high, is a high.

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Olesteak

8:31AM Mar 3rd 2010

Really? I am amazed that kids are not being arrested for spinning and spinning around until they get so dizzy they fall down. Their high as kites!! Of course it doesn't last long, but they get right up and do it again! When big brother see's this there are going to be a lot of 6to 10 year olds in a lot of trouble. I wonder how much time they will get? It is not illegal to consume anything that grows wild in America. There are plenty of things that grow that are not good for you but God as given each of us the right. Govt. has tried to take that right away. They have not been very successful have they. How many are in jail for smoking, growing, selling pot? How much is this costing our nation? And Barney Frank is still free.....go figure.

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mike westman on: Chaos Theory - New Textbooks, Y'all!

I'm worried for the public safety if a leftist driver is driving stoned. If they killed someone, the cops should take their blood test. They need to go to jail for a long, long time. Goodbye.

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grouch41
10:05PM Mar 2nd 2010

snickering@leftist inanity If you bother to check statistics(and reality), you will find accidents attributed to marijuana are almost nonexistent. Good luck in your quest, Don Quixote

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Roger Reikilight
3:38AM Mar 3rd 2010

The law already covers driving under the influence of pot ... it is illegal to drive under the influence. The government already can blood test you if they have a suspicion that you are high. Sounds like you are a bit paranoid about something you know little about. If the decriminalizing happens in November hopefully it will take the money out of pot ... reduce prices and allow police departments everywhere use the manpower they save with catching real criminals. In the privacy of your own home ... as long as you aren't hurting someone ... it is none of my business ... much less the governments! Be happy and live your bliss! There are no dress-rehearsals ... this is it!

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clausvonwendel
2:12PM Mar 3rd 2010

What about rightist drivers driving stoned? Are they not risking folks because of their politically held ideals (p.s. there are plenty of republicans that smoke pot)

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oboner1
8:34PM Mar 2nd 2010

Far out, dude

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thudmanal
8:45PM Mar 2nd 2010

Why not? Legalize the stuff and tax it.

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hawkins235000
10:22PM Mar 2nd 2010

thudmanal

8:45PM Mar 2nd 2010

Why not? Legalize the stuff and tax it."====Its already getting taxed at the federal level. Do you think the federal government would stand for the proliferation of this herbal substance if there wasn't anything in it for them?

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Olesteak
8:43AM Mar 3rd 2010

How about legalize and NOT tax it. The Govt. will get out of the "drug business" when and only when the voter has a louder voice than big oil and pharmaceutical companies. These people have deep pockets and have been keeping the lowly pot plant illegal for decades. Was American going to hell in a handbasket in the early 1900's when the Govt. ignored it? George Washington and almost all of our founders who farmed also grew marijuana (hemp). It is a renewable resource that will produce oil (for cooking, burning, gasoline or anything else that petroleum out of the ground will do. The fibers from the plant makes excellent textiles and has many other uses. It has been the staple crop of many civilizations until today when we became uncivilized.

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Chuck
9:20PM Mar 2nd 2010

The spread of happy tobacco continues. Suddenly I don't have to worry about the flu anymore.

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danno
9:30PM Mar 2nd 2010

yep the harmless drug..pot..you might tell that to the family of the 12 year old recently strung up in a garage and raped buy two dudes in texas ..there defense..they were strung out on pot and alcohol at the time and did not know what they were doing..yea sure..or how about the two teenage girls in missouri tossed from a bridge into the mississippi river after being gang-raped then tossed into the river..there defense well we were high on weed at the time and did not know what they were doing...yep..we need to legalize all these harmless drugs after all it is our right to kill..because that is our defense..we did not know what we were doing..losers..every damn one of them..

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reefedup
1:03AM Mar 3rd 2010

um...wow. It's hard to come up with any words to describe the idiocy of your statement. One hit will not really make you go insane. I thought we all realized the movie was a little exaggerated but apparently I was wrong.

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montana
6:15AM Mar 3rd 2010

I want to remind everyone that "hemp" is what our Original constitution was written on in 1776, by our fore fathers who made it illegal to not grow hemp or what the gov't named it in the early 1900's Marijuana, and this was done to put an evil to the Plant given to us by God might I remind you that is who our nation was founded under! I do believe this because in scripture it says " All things bearing seeds I give to you" I have not a clue what verse it is but I have been in church for years and I very specifically remember this. and George Washington himself said "I wouldn't miss Harvest on my Plantation for the world" speaking specifically of "hemp" or "Marijuana" the US INC. term for the "drug" and I have driven Very stoned many of times I paid way more attention then I would have been if I was Drunk on Alcohol. Never a death caused by marijuana but many by the cruel illicit drug Alcohol but I see not men condemning this because The Corporation owners want us to be an angry at the world peoples, they do not want States to have their rights, they want War and they want extremist so they can Call them terrorist, and have a reason for the international banks to make more money, and continue their control and try to install their "New world Order" and "One Government world" I'D die for my freedom and pray to the lord to save this once great nation, if I were you but then again freedom of religion is yours and i will not push it on you yet i will forgive all of you who do wrong, for it is not my place to judge!

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Kimi
6:14AM Mar 3rd 2010

I am sorry Danno, but I have never seen pot make anyone violent, those offenders were probably violent from alcohol and something else...EVIL. I have only witnessed people under the influence of pot laid-back with a severe case of the munchies. I know someone that lives in severe pain from a debilitating illness that uses pot to combat pain and the horrible side effects from their medications that make them deathly ill. The pot improves their appetite and helps their pain. They have a better quality of life now. They don't smoke it for recreation. Someone that lives with illness and pain should have a choice to use pot for medical purposes. I am not a young person and I am not a liberal, I am a realist that tries to use common sense through this life. Pot does not make people violent. Alcohol and the rampant abuse of prescription drugs is a huge problem in our nation today.

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cmethrough2
6:42AM Mar 3rd 2010

Dano my boy, you shouldn't take anyone's word on things! you should conduct your own research !! drink a 1/2 pint of Jack Daniels, and see, I promise it will make you bullet proof, you'll want to go kick the first persons azz that makes you mad !!On the other hand pot works just the opposite ! you'll laugh at the person trying to make you angry !! Alcohol is a violent juice,it can make the meek mighty, in their own minds, it's bad stuff.

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JohnnyAngel420
3:34AM Mar 16th 2010

you ever get high then wanna gang rape someone then throw em off a bridge? umm nope not me, not my buddies either, as a matter of fact i don't wanna do sh*t when im stony, gang rape a pizza maybe then throw the box in the trash but thats it.

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