



Medical Cannabis
(Licensed Producer)



Recreational Cannabis
(Private or government retailer)

Healthcare Support

Healthcare provider support with appropriate product selection, information about adverse events, comorbidities and drug-drug interactions

Dispensaries cannot give medical advice

Product Counselling

Patient and physician support provided by Licensed Producers

No patient support
No physician contact

Quality Control

Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) certification

Craft/boutique manufacturing regulations allow less stringent operational requirements

Product Consistency

Consistent dosing and reliability of labelled quantities of THC/CBD

High variability of THC and CBD, as much as 10% within each product

Cost

Covered by some private insurance plans

Patient must cover all costs

Compassionate pricing programs and senior discounts offered by some LPs

No price considerations
High cost, as high as \$18-\$20/gram in some provinces/territories

Can be claimed as medical expense deduction on income tax return

No compensation or reimbursement

Product Selection

Range of products with focus on CBD and therapeutic benefits

Products focus on THC recreational goals

Product Development

Established strains and cultivars with history of medical benefits

Genetically unclear plants introduced into system: 'black market' genetics allowed for initial production

Access

Licensed Producers provide products nationwide

Provincial regulations and products vary across the country

