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The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Retail Marijuana Education Program contracted with RMC Health to provide education to Colorado school districts regarding the updates to the Tobacco Free Schools law (C.R.S. 25-14-103.5) that now includes retail marijuana in the prohibition language.

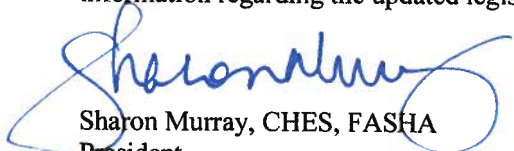
In 2012, Colorado voters passed Amendment 64 to the state constitution, permitting limited adult possession and use of marijuana and the establishment of marijuana retail businesses. The following year, the Colorado General Assembly passed Senate Bill 13-283, "Concerning Implementation of Amendment 64," which made revisions to state laws to accommodate legalized marijuana. A key section of Senate Bill 13-283 amended Colorado Revised Statutes 25-14-103.5 (Tobacco Free Schools law), which had previously required Colorado school boards to set policies and regulations prohibiting the use of tobacco products on all school property. The new law amended the Tobacco Free Schools statute to **require school districts to prohibit retail marijuana use on school property** as well.


RMC Health is a non-profit organization, located in Lakewood, Colorado, that has worked for many years with Colorado districts and schools to implement comprehensive tobacco prevention policies and practices as part of the Amendment 35 State Tobacco Education and Prevention Program funding. RMC Health is available to work with school resource officers, and the school districts and schools they serve, to provide training, technical assistance and resources to review and revise their Board of Education policies to comply with the updated legislation.

RMC Health is creating several tools and resources for school districts and local health agencies to support the requirements of the updated Tobacco Free Schools legislation. These are available on their webpage, www.rmc.org/tfsupdate, and include:

- School district policies resources: review and analysis of current school district policies; model policy language; and model policy examples.
- Recorded online tutorial regarding the updates to the Tobacco Free Schools law.
- Communication templates – sample school newsletter articles, event announcements, student handbook information and parent handbook information to educate your school community about the changes.
- Access to evidence based health education curricula that have demonstrated impacts on marijuana prevention.
- Access to the Colorado Department of Education health education sample units for teachers.

Please contact Natalie Boyer, RMC Health, Project Lead, at natalieb@rmc.org or 303-867-9107 for more information regarding the updated legislation and to receive technical assistance.


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