

Colorado eyes PTSD as ailment eligible for medical pot

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Colorado is poised to add post-traumatic stress disorder to the list of ailments eligible for treatment with medical marijuana.

If approved, Colorado would become the 10th state to consider PTSD a qualifying condition for medical pot. It would also be the first condition added to Colorado's registry since voters approved <u>medical marijuana</u> 15 years ago.

The state Board of Health is expected to vote Wednesday on the proposal. The board has rejected PTSD petitions twice before, citing a lack of research.

But this time, the state's chief medical officer is recommending that PTSD be added, so the outcome could change.

Colorado has about 113,000 people on its medical marijuana registry. All have a doctor's recommendation to use the drug to treat one of eight debilitating conditions, ranging from cancer and AIDS to <u>severe pain</u>.

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