

## **King County District Court Regional Mental Health Court & Regional Veterans Court (RMHC/RVC)**

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- a) Regional Mental Health Court & Regional Veterans Court (RMHC/RVC) are abstinence based courts that prohibit the use of alcohol, marijuana/medical marijuana, non-prescribed drugs or synthetic drugs such as spice.

RMHC/RVC recognizes the need for a more straightforward policy on prohibiting the use of medical marijuana, with or without a prescription or authorization. In the past, RMHC/RVC has followed King County District Court's medical marijuana policy. However, RMHC/RVC realizes that a policy allowing for medical marijuana produces a detrimental effect on the persons being served in RMHC/RVC and creates a perception that the use of marijuana may be permitted. RMHC/RVC serves a group of vulnerable individuals with mental health challenges, drug addiction, or co-occurring disorders where a focus on abstinence is a key component to an individual's recovery and treatment.