

**65-4977. Persons suffering from pain; use of controlled substances for pain treatment.** (a) A person suffering from pain:

(1) Should be an active participant in decisions about the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of their pain.

(2) May accept or reject the use of any or all diagnostic and therapeutic modalities which may be recommended to treat such person's pain.

(3) Should accurately, completely, and honestly report all symptoms and concerns to physicians and other health care professionals conducting assessment and treatment of such person's pain.

(b) Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent, restrict or limit a physician or other person authorized to prescribe drugs from prescribing, dispensing, administering, or distributing a controlled substance to a patient for the treatment of pain, when it is for a valid medical purpose and based on appropriate clinical indications.

(c) Nothing in this act shall be construed to require a physician or other person authorized to prescribe drugs to prescribe, dispense, administer, or distribute a controlled substance to a patient for the treatment of pain if in the judgment of the prescriber the use of a controlled substance is not clinically indicated or the most appropriate therapeutic modality.

**History:** L. 2006, ch. 110, § 3; July 1.