California NORML regularly hears complaints from patients using medical cannabis with a doctor’s recommendation who are told by their pain doctors that they may not be prescribed opiate medication due to their use cannabis.

Oftentimes, patients are abruptly told that they must immediately stop using medicines they have been taking successfully for years.

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