

US Congressional Candidate To Announce Sponsorship Of Federal Medical Cannabis Policy

Healthcare leader and Democratic congressional candidate in California swing district will announce proposal for national medical cannabis policy.

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Pasadena, California -- Michael Masterman-Smith PhD, a leading healthcare specialist and

Democratic candidate for US Congress in the competitive swing district of California's 25th Congressional District, will announce his proposal for a national medical cannabis policy with business owners and community leaders.

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Dr. Michael Masterman-Smith

Michael Masterman-Smith will sponsor a national Medical Cannabis Accessibility Program (MCAP) in Congress as a part of a larger plan to reduce federal healthcare costs by up to 30% and help reverse the country's worsening opioid crisis. Cannabis-based medicine is a promising and effective low cost alternative to treating a number of costly conditions which bring people to seek medical attention. His background as a pioneering cancer scientist produced research identifying

cannabinoids (the active ingredients in cannabis) as a potential breakthrough therapy for cancer. In a statement he said, “The time is now to advance research based cannabis medicine in meaningful ways to help reduce healthcare and pharmaceutical costs, relieve the deadly opioid crisis our country grapples with, and help reduce excessive use of prescription drugs.”

He will participate on a cannabis business panel sponsored by BenAssist Health Insurance Services, a leading employee benefits agency and consulting firm in Pasadena, CA. Cannabis industry operational and staffing topics will be discussed, including attracting and retaining top talent in competitive labor markets, compliance with state licensing and regional hiring requirements, as well as federal and state health insurance regulations of note to the cannabis industry. The panel includes Dede Kennedy-Simington, who is the president of BenAssist, along with a cannabis attorney, a

leading cultivator and Dr. Masterman-Smith.

Dr. Masterman-Smith's platform can be read on his campaign website at masterman2018.com.

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