The legalization of retail marijuana sales in Colorado, Washington, and Oregon was associated with a 5.2% higher rate of police-reported crashes compared with neighboring states that did not legalize retail sales.¹

Unlike alcohol, there is no scientific marijuana impairment standard and no reliable tools to measure impairment.

Without reliable impairment standards, the best method of detecting and prosecuting impaired drivers is a well-trained law officer able to identify the signs of impairment.²

Mandating reimbursement for medical marijuana forces insurers to violate federal law and risk criminal prosecution.³

Physicians do not write prescriptions for medical marijuana.⁴ There are no established treatment standards. Purity and potency can vary widely, and there is limited study on its medical efficacy.

While APCIA has not taken a position on the legalization of marijuana, we do oppose state insurer coverage mandates and medical marijuana reimbursement mandates.

APCIA Supports...

- Increased scientific research to develop objective marijuana impairment standards and to study medical efficacy.
- Strong law enforcement standards for marijuana safety, including law enforcement training.
- Employers' right to a drug-free workplace.
- Legislation allowing insurers to provide marijuana-related coverage and services without risk of criminal prosecution.
- The strongest marijuana safety best practices from the U.S. and Canada. Some currently include:
  - Mandatory product labels warning about the dangers of driving and working while under the influence of marijuana.
  - Minimum age of 21 to purchase or consume and zero tolerance for underage drivers.
- Increased awareness and education on the dangers of marijuana impaired driving or working.

¹ Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (October 2018 Report)
³ The Controlled Substances Act - 21 U.S. Code § 812, 822, 823(f)
⁴ A physician determines if a patient meets the state's criteria to obtain medical marijuana. The strain and dosage are left to the patient's discretion.