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Company can sell supplement to mental health patients: judge

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An Alberta company is now free to market a vitamin and mineral supplement as a possible treatment for mental disorders.

A Calgary provincial court judge ruled Friday that Health Canada didn't give Truehope Nutritional Support Ltd. any legal alternatives to resolve a dispute over the supplement.

"Health Canada has done everything in its power to block access to Canadian people from having this. Today a precedent has been set," said Anthony Stephan, one of the co-founders of Truehope.

"This is a literally a godsend for us — and for the many people in Canada — that require this supplement to maintain mental health."

The company makes the mineral and vitamin supplement EM Powerplus and claims it can treat schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

Health Canada has accused the company of selling the medication without a Drug Identification Number, or DIN. The makers of the medication say that it is not a drug and should not need a DIN.

Death, relapses possible: judge

In his ruling Friday, Judge Gerald Meagher said there were no indications Health Canada would even give Truehope the identification number needed.

He also said taking EM Powerplus away would pose a considerable threat for the people taking the medication, including severe relapses and even death.

Stephan is calling for a public inquiry into Health Canada's actions in this case