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Register

Once you receive your certification e-mail, you will be ready to register. Before you click on the registration link, gather your:

- Government-issued ID: state ID, driver's license or passport
- If applicable, your government medical assistance plan ID: CHAMPVA, Medicaid or MinnesotaCare, Social Security Disability (SSD) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Camera or a camera-equipped mobile phone to capture/scan images of your IDs
- Credit/debit card or check — the Program's payment processor, U.S. Bank, accepts all of the above methods of payment for the annual registration fee

When your account has been approved, you'll be notified by e-mail. Then you may move on to the last part of the process — Step 3: Receive.

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Receive

Congratulations! You are now officially registered with the Program. To purchase medical cannabis, you will need to:

- Complete and submit a Patient Self-Evaluation form
- Visit a Cannabis Patient Center

Complete and Submit a Patient Self-Evaluation Form

To access the form, log in to your account on the Medical Cannabis Patient Registry. If you are under 18 — or if at your certification appointment, your health care practitioner determined you need a caregiver — the person who is authorized to pick up your medical cannabis on your behalf will also need to fill out this form. Each time you request medical cannabis, you must submit a new Patient Self-Evaluation form.

"I thank everyone who worked together to craft and pass this legislation. I pray it will bring to the victims of ravaging illnesses the relief they are hoping for."

— Governor Mark Dayton

"Where can I learn more?"

For your convenience, Program-related resources including the latest legislative news, fact sheets and clinical research, are available on the OMC [website](#). If you have additional questions, please call or [e-mail](#) the Office of Medical Cannabis.

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MINNESOTA MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAM



A GUIDE FOR PATIENTS — I

Introducing the Minnesota Medical Cannabis Program

When Governor Dayton signed the Medical Cannabis Therapeutic Use Act into law in May 2014, Minnesota became the twenty-third state to legalize medical cannabis.

The Minnesota Department of Health's Office of Medical Cannabis (OMC) oversees this legislation and strives to help you and other Minnesotans affected by these laws understand related policies and processes.

Explore this publication and learn:

- If you qualify to be a patient in the Minnesota Medical Cannabis Program
- What three steps you must take to participate:
 - 1 Certify
 - 2 Register
 - 3 Receive
- How to obtain medical cannabis if you are a qualified patient
- Where to find additional resources

“Do I qualify for the Program?”

If you are a Minnesota resident who suffers from at least one of the following conditions that has been certified by a health care practitioner who is registered with the Program, you may be eligible:

- Cancer¹
- Glaucoma
- HIV/AIDS
- Tourette syndrome
- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
- Inflammatory Bowel disease, including Crohn's disease
- Seizures, including those characteristic of epilepsy
- Severe and persistent muscle spasm, including those characteristic of multiple sclerosis
- Terminal illness with a probable life expectancy of less than one year¹
- Intractable Pain

¹ To qualify for the Program, you must suffer from cancer or a terminal illness and have a probable life expectancy of under one year, if your illness or its treatment produces one or more of the following: severe or chronic pain; nausea or severe vomiting; or cachexia or severe wasting.



“How much does medical cannabis cost?”

At this time, insurance companies do not cover medical cannabis. Consequently, all patients who participate in the Program are responsible for these costs:

Annual Registration Fee

There is an annual registration fee of \$200 that will be reduced to \$50 if you receive CHAMPVA or Social Security Disability (SSD) benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or participate in Medicaid or MinnesotaCare.

Cannabis Product Fee

This fee is paid directly to the manufacturers that operate the Cannabis Patient Center each time you, your parent/legal guardian or registered caregiver return to purchase medical cannabis. The amount of this fee may vary based on the type and amount of medical cannabis purchased.

“Where are the Cannabis Patient Centers located?”

There are eight Cannabis Patient Centers located throughout Minnesota in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Eagan, Bloomington, Rochester, St. Cloud and Hibbing. Before visiting a Cannabis Patient Center, please call to verify the hours of operation. Visit the [OMC website](#) to find the Cannabis Patient Center closest to you.

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Certify

Before you may register for the Program, a doctor, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse must first certify your condition.

- Schedule an appointment with your doctor, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse. These are the only health care practitioners authorized to certify your condition.
- Keep in mind: The OMC does not maintain a list of preferred practitioners. It is your responsibility to meet with a qualified health care practitioner.
- Go to the [OMC website](#) and print the Patient E-mail & Acknowledgement form. On the form you'll need to write in the e-mail address you'd like to use to receive private messages about your health. If you do not already have a non-employer based e-mail address, consider setting up a personal e-mail account before your appointment.
- Bring the Patient E-mail & Acknowledgement form along with you to your appointment and give it to your health care practitioner.
- During your visit, ask your practitioner for an appointment summary and a list of the medications that are currently prescribed to you. Take these documents with you when you pick up your medical cannabis.

After you meet with your health care practitioner, you'll receive an e-mail from the OMC that contains:

Confirmation of your condition by your health care practitioner.

Your unique registration link for the Medical Cannabis Patient Registry.