

WHAT FORMS OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA WILL BE AVAILABLE?

- » Pills, oil, topical forms such as patches or ointments.
- » Forms medically appropriate to vaporize.
- » Tinctures and liquids.

HOW MUCH WILL MEDICAL MARIJUANA COST?

- » At this time, insurance companies do not cover medical marijuana.
- » All patients who participate in the program are responsible for purchasing a \$50 medical marijuana ID card.
 - » Individuals may qualify for a discount if they participate in one of the following government programs, Medicaid, PACE/PACENET, CHIP, SNAP, or WIC.
- » Costs may vary based on dispensary prices, FORM OF MARIJUANA, and amount purchased.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

Program-related resources including the latest updates, legislative news and FAQ documents are available on the Pennsylvania Department of Health website at www.medicalmarijuana.pa.gov.



“ I am proud to sign this bill that will provide long overdue medical relief to patients and families who could benefit from this treatment. I applaud members of both parties in the House and Senate who have come together to help patients who have run out of medical options and want to thank the thousands of advocates who have fought tirelessly for this cause. ”

- Governor Tom Wolf



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PENNSYLVANIA MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM

Information for Patients



In April 2016, Governor Tom Wolf signed the Medical Marijuana Act into law. The Pennsylvania Department of Health (Department) is implementing the state's Medical Marijuana Program for patients who are under a physician's care for the treatment of one of the 17 serious medical conditions listed in the law.

If you are a Pennsylvania resident who suffers from at least one of the following serious medical conditions, and has been certified by a health care practitioner registered with the program, you may qualify:

- Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
- Autism
- Cancer
- Crohn's disease
- Damage to the nervous tissue of the spinal cord with objective neurological indication of intractable spasticity
- Epilepsy
- Glaucoma
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)/ Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)
- Huntington's disease
- Inflammatory bowel disease
- Intractable seizures
- Multiple sclerosis
- Neuropathies
- Parkinson's disease
- Post-traumatic stress disorder
- Severe chronic or intractable pain of neuropathic origin or severe chronic or intractable pain in which conventional therapeutic intervention and opiate therapy is contraindicated or ineffective
- Sickle cell anemia



WHAT CAN I DO TO GET PREPARED?

To participate in Pennsylvania's Medical Marijuana Program, you must be registered with the Department of Health's Patient and Caregiver Registry. Following the steps below will help ensure a smooth registration process for you:



1. TALK TO YOUR PHYSICIAN

» Talk to your Pennsylvania-licensed physician and ask them if they are registered with the Department to issue you a patient certification.

Patients will need this to complete their registration. If your physician would like to know how to register, tell them to visit www.medicalmarijuana.pa.gov and click on the Physicians tab.

» If your physician does not wish to register with the Medical Marijuana Program, you will have the opportunity to find a recommending health care practitioner who has registered and been approved by the Department. You may access the list of health care practitioners by going to www.medicalmarijuana.pa.gov.

» If you are scheduling a visit with a recommending health care practitioner who you haven't seen before, be sure to ask what documents and records you need to bring to your first appointment.



2. HAVE PROOF OF RESIDENCY

With the exception of minor or homebound patients, all patients and caregivers will need to show valid proof of their Pennsylvania residency. Please make sure your

Pennsylvania driver's license, or state issued ID, has your current address. Minors or homebound patients who may not hold a valid driver's license or state issued ID card will need to have a caregiver apply on their behalf.



3. IDENTIFY CAREGIVERS

If you plan to apply as a patient and want to designate caregivers to assist you in picking up your medical marijuana, you can designate up to two caregivers. You may want to give some thought as to who you may wish to designate, and ask them if they'll be willing to register as a caregiver. If you care for a patient who requires a caregiver to apply on their behalf, but you don't wish to be their registered caregiver, please consider making arrangements with someone who would assist you in applying on behalf of your patient.



4. REGISTER FOR THE PROGRAM

Register as a patient or caregiver at www.medicalmarijuana.pa.gov.



5. CHECK FOR UPDATES

Visit www.medicalmarijuana.pa.gov for updates. To contact the staff at the Office of Medical Marijuana, send an email to RA-DHMedMarijuana@pa.gov.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?

Once your registration is complete with a patient certification from a state-approved health care practitioner, you will be able to purchase your medical marijuana ID card through the registry. You will not be able to obtain medical marijuana until dispensaries in Pennsylvania are operational and product is available. We anticipate dispensaries being operational with product in 2018.