

Minnesota Medical Cannabis Program Petition to Add an Approved Delivery Method

Making your petition

- Any person may petition the Minnesota Department of Health ("the department" or "MDH") to add an approved delivery method to those listed in subdivision 14 of Minnesota Statutes section 152.22.

**Petitions are accepted only between June 1 and July 31, each year.
Petitions received outside of these dates will not be reviewed.**

Petitions must be sent by certified U.S. mail to:

Minnesota Department of Health
Office of Medical Cannabis
P.O. Box 64882
St. Paul, MN 55164-0882

- You must mail the original copy of the petition with an original signature.
- Complete each section of this petition and attach all supporting documents. Clearly indicate which section of the petition an attachment is for.
- Each petition is limited to one proposed approved delivery method.
- If a petition does not meet the standards for submission, it will be dismissed without being considered.

Petition review process

- If the petition is accepted for consideration, MDH will post notice of review of the petition on its medical cannabis website and allow public comment and input on the petition for at least 30 days. MDH staff will also provide information about the proposed delivery method and a review of the current literature regarding its effectiveness.
- The Commissioner will approve or deny the petition by December 1 of the year the petition is accepted for consideration.
- You may withdraw the petition at any time before it is posted on the website for public comment by submitting a written statement to the Department stating that you wish to withdraw it.

Section A: Petitioner's Information

Name (First, Middle, Last): Scott Allen Gregory & Jamie Allene Gregory		
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City: [REDACTED]	State: MA	Zip Code: 55428
Telephone Number: [REDACTED]	E-mail Address: [REDACTED]	

Section B: Delivery Method You Are Requesting Be Added

Please specify and provide a brief description of the proposed delivery method. Be as precise as possible in describing the delivery method you are requesting be added. *Attach additional pages as needed.*

See attached.

Section B
Delivery Method You Are Requesting Be Added

The ability to offer a home-delivery service will support the State's intent to increase enrollment substantially, especially in Greater Minnesota. SAG Inc will offer discrete at-home delivery/dispensing/educational services to reach potential new customers or even bring back former customers who have reverted back to purchasing marijuana on the Black Market due to the inconvenience of the current dispensary locations and hours of operation. SAG Incorporated will be more than just a delivery service, they will also offer education, support and assistance if needed. SAG Incorporated intends to purchase all medical marijuana directly at a wholesale rate through Leaf Line and/or Minnesota Medical Solutions as a full-time caregiver agency and will collect payment from the patient before delivery. All drivers must pass a background check and not have been convicted of a DUI in the past 10 years. All vehicles will be unmarked to prevent robberies (see attached article for an example of a medical marijuana vehicle being robbed). SAG will deliver Monday through Friday, following a schedule that allows servicing of all counties in MN. SAG will deliver to each county at least once per month with each patient receiving a 30-day supply of their prescription. More vehicles and approved drivers will be added as demand increases to ensure patient satisfaction and delivery in a timely matter.

Section C: Anticipated Benefits from the Proposed Delivery Method

Describe the anticipated benefits from the proposed delivery method and why it is better than currently approved delivery methods. Identify patient populations that do not benefit from current delivery methods

Attach additional pages if needed.

See attached.

Section D: How Current Delivery Methods Are Inadequate

Provide information regarding the extent to which the currently approved delivery methods are unable to meet the needs of patients enrolled in the medical cannabis program. *Attach additional pages if needed.*

See attached.

Section C
Anticipated Benefits from the Proposed Delivery Method

The ultimate goal of SAG Inc is to make doctor-prescribed medical marijuana more accessible for patients. We will provide an in-home service for qualifying patients. This enables chronically ill patients to administer medical marijuana in their own homes without having to leave. Currently, there are a limited number of dispensaries in Minnesota where patients can pick up their prescription. There is a great need for a service to help make medical marijuana more accessible for those in need. This especially includes those who are unable to drive, too sick to leave their home or simply live too far away from a dispensary. By enabling this service, the amount of patients enrolled in the state's medical marijuana program will increase. This increase in demand will ultimately assist the state in creating a more profitable program. There is a huge and unmet market opportunity and this is the solution. As of June 2016, there were just over 1500 participants in Minnesota's medical marijuana program. It is expected there will be a surge in enrollment in the summer of 2016 as chronic pain has been approved as a qualifying condition.

Section D
How Current Delivery Methods Are Inadequate

The current delivery forms are limited, but Statute 152.22 Subd.14 #10 allows for Commissioner to approve new forms of treatment. This new treatment would allow the program to expand and grow under in a controlled environment.

Section E (optional): Scientific Evidence of Support for the Delivery Method

It will strengthen your petition to include evidence generally accepted by the medical community and other experts that addresses the effectiveness of the proposed medical cannabis delivery method and discusses its potential risks and benefits. This includes but is not limited to full text, peer-reviewed published journals or other completed medical studies. Please attach complete copies of any article or reference, not abstracts.

I have attached relevant articles. (check box if you have attached scientific articles or studies)

Section F (optional): Letters in Support

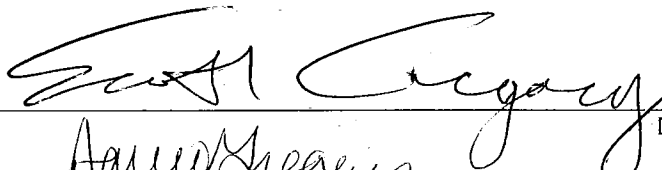
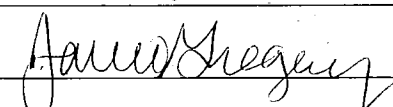
Attach letters of support from persons knowledgeable about the use of the delivery method with medical cannabis.

I have attached letters of support. (check box if you have attached letters of support)

Section I: Acknowledgement and Signature

Please Note: Any individually identifiable health information relating to any past, present, or future health condition or health care contained in this petition is classified as a health record under Minnesota Statutes §144.291, and is not subject to public disclosure.

I certify that the information provided in this petition is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE  DATE (mm/dd/yyyy) 06/20/2016
 06/24/16

To obtain this information in a different format, call:
(651) 201-5598 in the Metro area and (844) 879-3381 in the Non-metro.

Section E
Scientific Evidence of Support for the Delivery Method

*Please see attached articles.

Student aims high with medical marijuana delivery business

BY LAUREL SCOTT AND ANDREA HENTHORN

Posted:

May 20, 2016

marijuana delivery service in December. (Pinkie Su/Daily Bruin)

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TWEET

Medical marijuana was the only drug that improved Christian Kramme's stomach pain after spending two years in and out of hospitals.

Kramme, a second-year microbiology, immunology and molecular genetics student, believed he had pancreatic cancer when he began experiencing severe stomach pain and a lack of appetite in 2012. His doctor recommended he use medical marijuana to ease the pain after ruling out cancer. By summer 2015, he was cured.

"He was skinny and gaunt, like a skeleton," said Connor Kramme, Christian's brother. "(After using cannabis) he was actually able to eat again."

Today, Christian Kramme is the founder and chief executive officer of a company that delivers medical marijuana called Green Box Medical Inc., which operates around the UCLA and UC Berkeley campuses. He said he patented a design for a medical marijuana vending machine in 2015.

Marijuana, even if it is prescribed, is illegal under federal law and prohibited in UCLA dorms and on campus. However, medical marijuana is legal in California.

Christian Kramme said he decided to start the business with his older brother and father after noticing many college students needed medical marijuana.

“We are striving to make a way for students who have demonstrated medical need to have a secure, reliable and discreet way of obtaining cannabis,” Christian Kramme said.

The business started at UCLA last December and expanded to UC Berkeley this February. He said the business makes between \$10,000 and \$20,000 a month delivering to the two locations.

Growing up as a member of a Mormon church, Christian Kramme said his medical marijuana usage ostracized him from the church community.

“Being a parent I was always pretty firm with my sons to stay away from those kind of illicit drugs,” said Mark Kramme, Christian’s father and president of the business. “We were like the majority out there that had clearly been misled about the medicinal effects of cannabis.”

Christian Kramme added his mother and three sisters initially did not agree with him using cannabis because it went against their religious beliefs. His family didn’t want to support his involvement in the marijuana industry because of the stigma associated with it.

Within the last three months, Christian Kramme said his family has become more accepting of his medical marijuana usage and his business.

“It created a lot of tension, but it also created a lot of good,” Connor Kramme said. “Once people let go of their biases, I think it really bonded us together.”

Mark Kramme said Christian’s intellect and work ethic is extraordinary.

“(Christian is the) CEO of our business and he’s still maintaining a 4.0 (GPA),” Mark Kramme said. “I’ve worked with so many people in small businesses before, but I’ve never worked with anybody like him.”

Christian Kramme said his medical marijuana distribution business is within the university and state laws because he delivers cannabis off campus to students with prescriptions and California identification cards.

By the end of the year, Christian Kramme said they hope to extend the business to other University of California campuses, such as UC Santa Cruz, San Diego and Santa Barbara. He added they will also open another location in Santa Clarita this week.

Christian Kramme patented a design last year for an autonomous cannabis dispensing unit called Green Box Dispenser. The dispenser, which he is funding with the money he raised from the business, would function like a portable medical marijuana dispensary. Kramme said he expects it to be available in 2018.

The machine would bag and seal the product discreetly so it would not be seen or smelled when it is dispensed, Christian Kramme said.

Kramme added he disagrees with people who say putting marijuana in a vending machine will open access to it.

The machine will use ultrasound to scan vein patterns in an individual’s hand to confirm the identity of the person using the machine. He added the client will also have to upload identification material to the company website to receive medical marijuana.

Justin Pank, a second-year physics student and co-owner of Green Box Medical Inc., said he hopes the business can use its funds for marijuana research at UCLA.

Pank said because the Drug Enforcement Administration does not classify medical marijuana as a federally accepted medical treatment, marijuana research is limited.

Christian Kramme officially ratified a chapter of Students for Sensible Drug Policy on the UCLA campus in April to advocate for the medical marijuana industry and drug policy change within the UCLA community.

“Cannabis is here, and it’s just going to get larger,” Christian Kramme said. “We have to figure out a way to make it not interrupt society.”



Medical Marijuana: Majority of Minnesota Patients Find Drug Effective, Too Expensive, Survey Says

Sixty-six percent of users who responded to a state Department of Health questionnaire about the year-old program reported "significant" relief, and 73 percent said the drug was too costly.

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Department conducted survey patients [?] - Yesterday at 11:57

Most medical cannabis patients who completed a survey reported benefits from the medication, according to the results of a voluntary survey of patients enrolled in Minnesota's medical cannabis program during its first 3 months. About 90% of patients reported mild to significant benefits.



News Release: Most patients report benefits from medical cannabis

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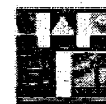
- Medical Marijuana: Majority of Minnesota Patients Find Drug Too Expensive, Survey Says
- ADHD: Drugs to Treat Disorder Create Heart Problems for Children, Researchers Say
- Mediterranean Diet: Diet May Increase Chances of Early-Stage Breast Cancer Recurrence in Women, Study
- Next: Mother Says 2-Year-Old Daughter Got Bloodied Feet From Sandals
- Medicaid: Federal Officials Say Health Care Plans Should Consider Measures to Prevent Zika Virus
- College Station, Texas: Last 9/11 Search Dog Dies, Report
- Englewood, Chicago: Police Missing 20-Year-Old Woman
- Baylor University: Supporter of Former President Ken Starr Wins Page Newspaper Ad
- Hostess Brands: Company Reports More Than 700,000 Cases of Illness Due to Peanut Residue
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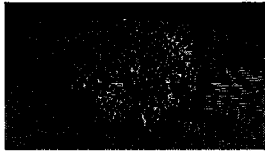
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Increase in Older Medical Marijuana Patients

Tyler Collins May 16, 2016



Older Americans are turning to medical cannabis.

Orange County's Tops Cannabis discusses the national increase of Americans 55 and older using medical marijuana.

(Newswire.net -- May 16, 2016) Huntington Beach, California -- Throughout the United States, Americans 55 and older are turning to medical marijuana in record numbers. The Orange County marijuana delivery service, Tops Cannabis, has seen a sharp

uptick in the number of patients they serve that fit this category. According to a recent CBS News profile, nearly 50 percent of older people live near states where medical cannabis is legal; their locality is influencing the numbers of older medical marijuana patients. Growing evidence also suggests that marijuana represents a safer pain-relieving alternative than traditional pharmaceuticals. "There has been a lot of media attention about prescription pill addiction and fatalities," says the director of operations for the marijuana delivery service. "Older patients are looking for alternatives that provide relief without the dangers associated with addictive painkillers." For more information on the delivery service and their products, visit www.topscannabis.com/products.

As the rate of older patients increase, Tops has seen an increase in demand for their signature delivery service. Unlike medical marijuana dispensaries in Southern California, Tops and its team of highly-skilled delivery personnel offers patient discretion and convenience. Marijuana can be delivered directly to patients' homes or offices, eliminating trips to the dispensary. Above all, the Tops Cannabis marijuana delivery service offers a level of privacy that dispensaries simply cannot match. The delivery drivers are trained to help patients with in-home consultations as well; these consultations assist patients in selecting the right cannabis products for their specific health needs. After passing extensive background checks, the delivery teams receive extensive training on industry best practices, which serve to prepare them for the unique demands their patients may have. The service is known for its outstanding customer service and massive product selection, giving patients the medicine they need with the personalized service they have come to appreciate. "Our patients know that they can trust in our service," says the director. "By providing them with the highest-quality medicine and private, at-home delivery, patients can find relief for a variety of health concerns." To learn more about the private, convenient medical marijuana delivery that Tops provides, visit their website at www.topscannabis.com.

About Tops Cannabis

As the leading medical marijuana delivery service in Orange County and surrounding communities in Southern California, Tops Cannabis provides patients with the highest-quality medicine and discreet home delivery. Patients can receive free consultations with the services' expert team, and the company stocks a huge selection of Sativas, Indicas, hybrids, concentrates, and edibles. Medicine is delivered right to patients' doors. The highly-trained delivery members can help patients determine the right products for their specific health needs.

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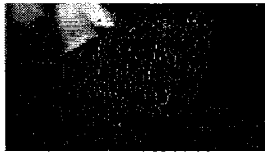
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Tops Cannabis Continues Service Expansion

Tyler Collins June 07, 2016



Several new areas added to leading medical marijuana delivery service.

Tops Cannabis, a Southern California medical marijuana delivery service, expands to several new cities in Orange County and the Inland Empire.

(Newswire.net -- June 7, 2016) Huntington Beach, California -- 2016 has been a great

year for Tops Cannabis and its clients alike. The leading medical marijuana delivery service in Southern California has enjoyed explosive growth this year, expanding its services throughout the communities of Orange County, Los Angeles County and into the Inland Empire region of the state. Many new areas were added to the company's service roster, including a number of cities in and around San Bernardino County, central Orange County, and southern Los Angeles County. "Our expansion means that our company can now serve patients throughout Southern California," says director of operations for the delivery service firm. "Our company's team is continually adding new cities to our service footprint." To view an extensive list of cities served by Tops and to explore the products carried, visit www.topscannabis.com/products.

Medical marijuana use is growing at a fast pace in California and in a number of other states where it has been legalized. Currently, 24 states in the U.S. have medical cannabis laws on the books, and it has been estimated that there may be as many as 2.6 million medical marijuana patients in the United States. Expanding services to help patients receive their medicine in the comfort and privacy of their own homes or offices is something Tops Cannabis takes very seriously. The delivery teams are vetted carefully with extensive background checks and receive expert training on the industry's best practices before commencing delivery services to patients. This training gives them the ability to offer in-home consultations with patients, helping them to select the products that are suitable for their specific medical conditions.

Tops Cannabis in Southern California works closely with marijuana cultivators and breeders throughout the state. This gives them access to some of the most potent and high-quality strains available on the medical market, including a number of varieties specifically developed for medical uses. Patients may browse from seasonal menus containing traditional cannabis products as well as edibles and concentrates. "Our goal is to provide the best medicine and the best service to our patients," adds the director. "Privacy, compassion, and selection are the features that keep our company's service growing as the years go by." For more information on the company and to learn more about the medical cannabis delivery service, visit www.topscannabis.com.

About Tops Cannabis

A leader in the medical cannabis community, the marijuana delivery service by Tops Cannabis serves clients in Orange County and surrounding communities in Southern California. Tops Cannabis provides patients with the highest-quality medicine available along with their exclusive discreet at-home delivery. Patients can receive free consultations with the service's expert team, and Tops stocks a huge selection of Sativas, Indicas, hybrids, concentrates, and edibles in a seasonal menu format. Medicine is delivered right to patients' doors, in the privacy of their own homes or offices.

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Ventura police said they arrested four people in connection with the robbery of a medical marijuana deliverer.

Officers were called just before 4:15 p.m. Friday to a report of a strong-arm robbery in the 900 block of South Wells Road, police said. The victim, a 27-year-old Santa Barbara man, said he went to deliver marijuana to a patient when the patient and two other men got into his car, assaulted him and demanded his money and the pot, authorities said.

A Ventura police detective monitoring the incident over a police radio heard the men had fled in a small, dark-colored vehicle and directed a patrol officer in the area to Jamestown Street and Providence Avenue. The detective suspected the report may be related to a similar incident in May, police said.

The patrol officer found the suspected getaway vehicle and stopped it in the 700 block of Springfield Avenue after it briefly evaded authorities, officials said. The victim's property was found in the vehicle, police said.

More stolen property was recovered later when a search warrant was served at a home on Providence Avenue, authorities said. As a result, Oxnard residents Deondre Vines and Malikk Williams, both 18, were arrested on suspicion of robbery and conspiracy to commit a crime, according to police. Nicholas Jones, 19, of Moorpark, was arrested in connection with the same violations, police said. A third Oxnard resident, 19, was arrested in connection with stolen property, police said.

<http://www.vcstar.com/news/local/ventura/4-arrested-in-ventura-in-robbery-of-medical-marijuana-delivery-person--347d319d-a384-057b-e053-01000-381882961.html>