

Introducing the Minnesota Medical Cannabis Program



Minnesota became the 23rd state to legalize medical cannabis when the Medical Cannabis Therapeutic Use Act became law in May 2014.

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

This guide was developed by the OMC for spouses, parents, legal guardians and designated caregivers of qualified patients. The registration steps outlined here apply to you. However, you should also review the brochure Minnesota Medical Cannabis Program Patients' Guide 1 for program fees and detailed instructions on how to help your child or patient register.

In this brochure, you'll learn:

- Who may qualify for the program
- How to register with the Minnesota Medical Cannabis Registry as your child's parent or legal guardian, your patient's spouse, or as the designated caregiver of the patient in your care
- What medical cannabis formulation options may be available for you to administer to your child or patient
- Where you will pick up medical cannabis and what you will need to bring along with you

"Where do I pick up medical cannabis?"

Medical cannabis is dispensed by licensed pharmacists at Cannabis Patient Centers. View location details on our website, then schedule an appointment when you are ready to pick up your patient's medicine.

"How do I administer medical cannabis?"

In Minnesota, all medical cannabis is smoke-free, and is available in pill, liquid, oil and topical formulations. After your consultation, the pharmacist will suggest a dose and formulation for your child or patient's specific needs.



Taken as capsule or table



Dropped or sprayed under the tongue



Ingested using a vaporizer



Applied to the skin

FIND OUT MORE

For your convenience, program-related resources including the latest legislative news, fact sheets and clinical research, are available on the OMC website, mn.gov/medicalcannabis.

If you have additional questions, please call or e-mail the Office of Medical Cannabis.

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Caregivers' Companion



A GUIDE FOR PATIENTS
PARENTS, LEGAL GUARDIANS,
SPOUSES & DESIGNATED
CAREGIVERS

REGISTER AS A DESIGNATED CAREGIVER

1. REQUEST A CAREGIVER'S HELP Have your patient request a caregiver's help with administering and/or obtaining medical cannabis at his or her condition certification appointment. Once the health care practitioner checks the box in your patient's profile that indicates he or she needs a caregiver to access or administer the medicine, your patient will then be able to enter your information when he or she registers.

2. COMPLETE YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION After your patient has registered and submitted your information, you will receive an e-mail from the Minnesota Medical Cannabis Registry that contains a registration link. Click this link to access your online application and upload a copy of your government-issued photo ID.

3. PRINT, COMPLETE AND MAIL YOUR BACKGROUND CHECK MATERIALS Download the Caregiver Background Check form located on our website. Complete the form, and mail it along with a check for \$15 payable to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension — along with a stamped envelope addressed to the Office of Medical Cannabis to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. Allow up to three weeks for completion of the background check. Once your background check has been received and reviewed by the OMC, you will receive an e-mail notifying you that you are approved to pick up your patient's medical cannabis.

REMEMBER:

- ✓ Mail your background check materials (described above) to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension as soon as possible.
- ✓ Take your government-issued ID with you when you pick up your patient's medical cannabis. Also, bring cash to pay for it, or call the Cannabis Patient Center and verify their accepted methods of payment.
- ✓ Submit a new Patient Self-Evaluation form online each time you pick up additional medicine.
- ✓ Make an appointment for your patient to return to his or her health care practitioner within 12 months for condition recertification.

Register as a Spouse, Parent or Legal Guardian

Before you may obtain medical cannabis for your spouse or child, you must have him or her add you to their Minnesota Medical Cannabis Registry profile. If you register as a spouse or your child's parent or legal guardian of a patient, you do not need to also register as a designated caregiver.

1. WATCH FOR AN E-MAIL FROM THE OMC. After your patient's condition certification appointment, he or she will receive an e-mail from the OMC that contains confirmation of his or her condition certification and a link to register with the Minnesota Medical Cannabis Registry.

2. FOR PATIENTS UNDER 18, HAVE YOUR PATIENT ADD YOUR CONTACT INFO TO HIS OR HER PROFILE AT REGISTRATION. Additionally, you must also upload a photo or scanned copy of your government-issued ID (state ID, driver's license or passport). The system will not allow a minor's registration application to complete without a parent or legal guardian's information and picture having been uploaded.

3. FOR PATIENTS 18 OR OLDER, HAVE YOUR SPOUSE OR ADULT CHILD ADD YOUR CONTACT INFO TO THEIR PROFILE AFTER HE OR SHE REGISTERS. You will need to add your contact information and upload a copy of your state ID after your patient has been approved via an option on the main screen of their account. You will also be asked to upload proof of marriage if registering as a spouse and proof of parentage/guardianship if registering as a parent or guardian.

REMEMBER:

- ✓ Take your government-issued ID with you when you pick up your patient's medical cannabis. Also, bring cash or call the Cannabis Patient Center and verify accepted methods of payment.
- ✓ Submit a new Patient Self-Evaluation form online for your patient each time you pick up additional medicine.
- ✓ Make an appointment for your patient to return to his or her health care practitioner within 12 months for condition recertification.



“Which patients qualify?”

Your child or the patient in your care must be a Minnesota resident who suffers from at least one of the following conditions and have a registered health care practitioner certify the condition in the Minnesota Patient Registry.

- 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 spasms, including those characteristic of multiple sclerosis
- Terminal illness with a probable life expectancy of less than one year¹
- Intractable Pain
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Autism
- Obstructive Sleep Apnea
- Alzheimer's disease
- Chronic Pain (effective Aug. 2020)

¹ Patients with cancer or a terminal illness with a probable life expectancy of under one year qualify if the illness or its treatment produces one or more of the following: severe or chronic pain; nausea or severe vomiting; or cachexia or severe wasting.