About The Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission

The mission of the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission (MMCC) is to provide a safe, effective, and consumer-friendly medical cannabis program for qualifying patients.

Who is Eligible to Become a Medical Cannabis Patient?

Individuals living in Maryland must:
- Be 18 years or older.
- Have a written certification for a qualifying condition by a certifying provider.
- If under the age of 18, have a caregiver who is a parent or legal guardian.

Individuals living outside of Maryland must:
- Satisfy all requirements that apply to individuals living in Maryland.
- Provide a notarized letter from a Maryland Joint Commission Accredited Facility stating the individual is receiving inpatient treatment and the length of stay.

How to Become a Medical Cannabis Patient in Maryland

STEP 1: APPLY ONLINE AT MMCC.MARYLAND.GOV

What you will need:
1. A valid, accessible email account.
2. The last four digits of your Social Security Number.
3. An electronic copy of a valid US government-issued photo ID.

Accepted forms of identification:
- Driver’s license
- State issued photo identification card
- Military ID (both front and back)
- US Passport

4. Proof of current Maryland address.

If the identification you provide is not a Maryland driver’s license or MVA ID card OR does not identify your current address, you must also provide two of the following documents as proof of your current Maryland address (All documents must be dated within the past 90 days):
- MVA registration card or title
- Utility, telephone or cable/satellite TV bill
- Bank account statement
- Property tax bill
- Mortgage statement or proof of home ownership
- Major credit card bill
- Residential rental contract/lease
- Selective Service Card
5. An electronic copy of a photograph taken within the last six (6) months (You can use one of the many free passport photo apps available).

Photo Requirements
- Color photo only.
- Must be an image file (.pdf, .jpg, .png or .gif) and no larger than 3 MB in size.
- Photo must be taken in front of a plain white or off-white background.
- The entire face must be visible and unobscured (directly facing the camera, no hat or sunglasses).
- Take the photo with a neutral facial expression.
- Do not alter or digitally enhance the photo in any way (no photo filters).

Patients must pay $50 at registration for an MMCC-issued ID card.

Verify your email address. After submitting your application, a verification email will be sent. You must click the verification link in the email message to verify your account. The MMCC reviews all applications in the order they were received. You will receive a follow-up email advising whether or not your application has been approved. Be sure to retain your approval email as it contains your Username and MMCC Patient ID number. You will need your Username to log into the Patient Registry and your ID number for your provider to issue a written certification.

MINOR PATIENTS (UNDER 18):
- $50 fee waived.
- Must submit a digital notarized copy of the Minor Patient Form in a digital format (found at mmcc.maryland.gov)
- Must submit official proof of guardianship for the minor patient (birth certificate, adoption papers, guardianship court order).
- Caregiver’s MMCC ID number (caregivers must register and receive MMCC approval before they can register a minor patient).

HOSPICE CARE PATIENTS:
- $50 fee waived (must provide AOHR).
- In lieu of a recent photo, hospice patients may provide a letter from the Attending of Hospice Record (AOHR).
- MMCC expedites hospice patient registration.

STEP 2: CERTIFY
- Obtain a written certification for a qualifying condition by a certifying provider.
- Patients must have an in-person assessment with the certifying provider.
- Certifying providers enter patient certification information into the MMCC secure portal.
- At this time, the cost of medical cannabis is not reimbursable by any private or public insurance plan, Medicare or Medicaid or through Veterans’ covered plans.
- Certifications are valid for a maximum of one year.

STEP 3 VISIT A DISPENSARY
- After your registration has been approved and a certifying provider has issued a written certification, you are ready to visit a licensed Maryland dispensary to purchase medical cannabis.
- If you do not purchase medical cannabis within 120 days of issue, the certification expires and you will need to obtain a new certification.
- MMCC ID cards expire three years from the date of issue. Before expiration, patients may renew their ID cards at mmcc.maryland.gov.

CAREGIVERS:
- Caregivers may purchase, transport and administer medical cannabis for their patient(s).
- Register online at mmcc.maryland.gov.
- Caregivers must be at least 21 years old.
- Registered patients may designate up to two caregivers.
- Caregivers may care for up to five medical cannabis patients.
- Caregivers must purchase an MMCC-issued ID card once they are linked to a patient account.

STORE MEDICAL CANNABIS SAFELY
Store medical cannabis up, away and out of reach of children and pets—consider using a lock box or other sealed storage system. A little precaution and common sense can go a long way in preventing an accidental ingestion!

If you are worried about an adverse reaction to cannabis, call 911 or visit your nearest hospital if it is a medical emergency.

For non-emergencies, contact the Maryland Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222. Help is available 24 hours a day. Calls are confidential.

For more information, visit mmcc.maryland.gov