



# Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission

## Patient Identification Card Requirement

*Resource to assist dispensary agents with understanding and complying with Maryland Medical Cannabis sales laws*

# Overview

As of April 1, 2019, all Maryland medical cannabis patients must present an MMCC issued ID card in order to purchase medical cannabis.

*Expiration date extended to 3 years for MMCC ID number issued after January 1, 2019*



# REMEMBER:

No sales to minors. Caregiver **must** make purchases for minors.





# Program Summary

## **Starting January 1, 2019:**

All new patients must pay \$50 for a MMCC ID card at registration. (Expires in 3 years)

## **Starting March 1, 2019:**

All existing patients may:


1. RENEW their registration and purchase a MMCC ID card for \$50 (Expires in 3 years)

*or*

2. ORDER (without renewing) a MMCC ID card for a \$50 fee, which will expire on the patient's EXISTING registration expiration date.

## **Starting April 1, 2019:**

All licensed Maryland dispensaries **MUST** require **EVERYONE** to present a MMCC-issued ID card in order to purchase medical cannabis



# Program Summary

MMCC ID cards issued before January 1, 2019 will expire on the expiration date listed on the card.

After MMCC registration is renewed, a 3 year card will go into effect.

Once an MMCC ID card is ordered or MMCC registration application is renewed, a patient will have the option to print a **temporary ID card**, which is valid for **90 days**. This temporary ID card is valid **without** a second form of government-issued identification.



## What does this mean for brand new patients?

- 1) Complete and submit the online application on the MMCC registry webpage (\$50 registration fee will be required when application is submitted.)
- 2) Obtain certification from a provider registered with MMCC.
- 3) MMCC ID cards will be automatically mailed to the patient once they receive their certification from their provider

**Note: New patient registrations will expire 3 years from the registration date.**

### **Exception:**

*Minor patients and hospice patients who provide acceptable proof of hospice care, are required to have MMCC ID cards, but the \$50 fee may be waived*



**What does this mean for existing patients WITH an MMCC ID?**

- 1) Patients with an MMCC ID card can continue to use the MMCC ID card until it expires. The expiration date is located on the front of the MMCC ID card.
- 2) Beginning April 1, 2019, a MMCC ID card will be required for purchase at all licensed Maryland dispensaries.

**What does this mean for existing patients who do NOT have an MMCC ID card?**

If you are a registered patient and you do NOT have a ID card, you have ***two options***:

- 1) Beginning March 1, 2019 submit a renewal application to MMCC (\$50). The renewal registration will expire 3 years from the date of renewal, any patient may submit a renewal application;

**OR**

- 2) Order a MMCC ID card (\$50 fee). This card will expire on the date your **current** registration expires.
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## How to Renew MMCC Registration:

- 1) ON March 1, 2019 log into your existing MMCC account
- 2) Click on the “Renew Registration” tab
- 3) You will be prompted to answer a number of questions. (if you address has changed, you must update your address and you will be required to upload a current Proof of Maryland Address)
- 4) Once the Commission has your renewal application, they will review it and notify you via email of approval.

## How do I order an ID card without renewing?

- 1) Log into your MMCC account
- 2) Click on the “Order ID Card” tab.
- 3) Your MMCC ID card will expire on the dated of your current registration.





## How long until I receive my MMCC ID card?

Due to the anticipated high volume of MMCC ID card orders and registration renewals, the MMCC is unable to guarantee a delivery date for the card.

*A temporary ID will be **emailed** once a new patient has been certified or an existing patient with a valid provider certification orders a card or renews their registration.*

- This temporary ID will be valid for **90 days**.
  - Each patient will also have the option to print the temporary ID when logging into their MMCC account.
  - Temporary cards printed after January 1, 2019 will display a photo, therefore a second form of Government identification is not required.
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