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Clarification of new Medical Cannabis Identification Card Requirement and Registration period extended to 3 years for Identification Number Issued after January 1, 2019

Linthicum, MD (January 14, 2019) - The Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission (the “Commission”) is providing this bulletin to clarify the changes in the 1.) April 1, 2019 Medical Cannabis Identification Card requirements and 2.) January 1, 2019 all **new** MMCC ID numbers will expire 3 years from the date of registration.

Definitions:

REGISTERED:

- Individual seeking to become a qualifying patient who has submitted the required personal information and documentation as required in COMAR **AND** has been issued an MMCC patient identification number.
- The registration date is the day a MMCC patient identification number is issued to a patient.
- If registered **before** January 1, 2019, the registration expires 2 years from the date you were registered (refer to email sent for registration date).
- If registered **on/after** January 1, 2019, the registration expires 3 years from the date you were registered (refer to email sent for registration date).

CERTIFICATION:

- A written certification that is issued by a certifying provider for a qualifying patient with whom the provider has a bona-fide provider-patient relationship.
- The certification expiration date is determined by the time period the provider issues the certification for, not to exceed one year.

Program Summary:

NEW APPLICANTS–NEW APPLICATION SUBMITTED **AFTER JANUARY. 1, 2019**

- Effective January 1, 2019 all new applicants are required to pay \$50 for a required MMCC ID card when submitting an application.
- Once registered, a MMCC patient identification number will be issued and emailed
- To obtain a certification, the patient needs to visit a certifying provider.
- Once certified, the MMCC ID card will be mailed and will expire 3 years from the date of the patient registration.



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EXISTING APPLICANTS NOT YET REGISTERED – APPLICATION SUBMITTED **BEFORE** JANUARY. 1, 2019

- All applications submitted *prior* to January 1, 2019 were not required to pay \$50 for a MMCC ID card when completing an application.
- Once registered, a MMCC patient identification number will be issued and emailed.
- To obtain a certification, the patient needs to visit a certifying provider.
- Once certified, log into MMCC account and click on the “Order ID Card” tab and submit the \$50 fee.
- The MMCC ID card will be mailed and will expire 3 years from the date of the patient registration.

REGISTERED AND CERTIFIED PATIENTS WHO WERE ISSUED MMCC ID CARDS BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2019

- MMCC ID cards issued prior to January 1, 2019 have the expiration date listed on the card, the registration period is 2 years.
- Beginning March 1, 2019 the option to renew a MMCC registration will be available prior to expiration.
- After March 1, 2019 submit a renewal application to MMCC along with a \$50 registration fee for the required MMCC ID Card. The renewal registration and MMCC ID Card will expire 3 years from the date of renewal.

REGISTERED AND NOT CERTIFIED PATIENT WITHOUT A MMCC ID CARD BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2019

- To obtain a certification, the patient needs to visit a certifying provider.
- March 1, 2019 the option to renew your MMCC registration will be available prior to its expiration.
- Submit a renewal application to MMCC along with a \$50 registration fee for the required MMCC ID Card. The renewal registration and MMCC ID Card will expire 3 years from the date of renewal.

OR

- Log into MMCC account and click on the “Order ID Card” tab and submit the \$ 50 fee for a MMCC ID Card.
- The MMCC ID card will be mailed and will expire on the date of the patient’s current registration, the registration period is 2 years.



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REGISTERED AND CERTIFIED PATIENT WHO HAS NOT ORDERED A MMCC ID CARD BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2019

- Beginning March 1, 2019 the option to renew your MMCC registration will be available prior to its expiration.
- Submit a renewal application to MMCC along with a \$50 registration fee for the required MMCC ID Card. The renewal registration and MMCC ID Card will expire 3 years from the date of renewal.

OR

- Log into MMCC account and click on the “Order ID Card” tab and submit the \$ 50 fee for a MMCC ID Card.
- The MMCC ID card will be mailed and will expire on the date of the patient’s current registration, the registration period is 2 years.

If patients registered prior to January 1, 2019 purchase a MMCC ID card prior to renewal of current registration the card will only be valid for 2 years and will expire on the date the current registration expires.

IN SOME CASES THIS MAY BE ONLY A FEW MONTHS.

The renewal period for current registered and certified patients begins May 1, 2019

BOTH NEW PATIENTS AND PATIENTS RENEWING REGISTRATIONS

- Any NEW and RENEWED registration number issued on/after January 1, 2019 will require the \$50 fee for the MMCC ID card and both the card and registration will be valid for a period of 3 years.
- Upon ordering an MMCC ID card or renewing a registration, a patient will have the option to print a temporary ID card, which will be valid for a period of 90 days.

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

Joy A. Strand, MHA
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