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Evaluation, Certification and Treatment for diagnosis requiring Medical Marijuana

Who can participate in this program? A person with an approved serious medical condition who is a Pennsylvania resident and is certified by a doctor participating in the program.

1. **Prior to evaluation visit: Register on PA Medical Marijuana Program website: www.medicalmarijuana.pa.gov to get a patient ID*. (Patient must bring ID number to evaluation)**
2. Patients must be in treatment with a clinician for their condition or agree to be in treatment here if diagnosed with a psychiatric illness.
3. Dr. Fleischer will evaluate and if needed certify patient for medical marijuana
4. After receiving the certification confirmation email, patients need to go back online to pay for the medical marijuana ID card; and wait for card to come in the mail.
5. Patient should visit a Pennsylvania dispensary with the medical marijuana ID card.
6. Patient must schedule a follow up appointment when leaving the first appointment according to the date recommended by Dr. Fleischer to discuss the effectiveness of the marijuana.
7. Dr. Fleischer's fees are specifically for treatment with medical marijuana (healthcare insurance does NOT cover this certification, treatment, or marijuana products):
 - \$250 for certification for a patient new to the Practice
 - OR \$200 for certification for an existing patient
 - \$150 for follow up to discuss efficacy of medical marijuana (required by the State).

Patient FAQs regarding the PA Medical Marijuana Website

What information do I need to have available when I register? All patients and caregivers must have proof of Pennsylvania residency in the form of a Pennsylvania driver's license or a Pennsylvania state issued ID card with their current address. Patients and caregivers also must have a working email address.

***Do you have any tips for a successful registration?** Use a computer (not a mobile device) to register and access your account. Have your valid Pennsylvania driver's license or state-issued ID (or change of address card if applicable) in front of you while registering as you will need to match the information exactly as it appears on the ID. Do not enter you full middle name, just the first initial. Make sure that the information you are entering matches with PennDOT records if you have updated your address. Enter only the digits where numbers are required (no spaces, hyphens, etc.).

How will I know if I registered successfully? After your information is validated, you will be prompted to create a username and password. When you have created the username and password, you will see a screen that displays your account information including your Patient ID number. You are now registered in our program. You will receive an email confirming your successful registration and detailing your next step, which is to obtain a patient certification from an approved practitioner.

What is a patient certification? When a doctor approved by the Department of Health (department) can issue a patient certification. The certification confirms that you have one of the 21 serious medical conditions, and that medical marijuana may benefit you. You need this certification to get your medical marijuana ID card.

How do I get a patient certification? An approved doctor can issue your patient certification.

Can I register online before I see my doctor? Yes, you should register and have your patient ID number prior to seeing an approved doctor.

What happens after I am certified by a doctor? After the doctor certifies you in the system, you will receive an email confirmation with your next steps on how to pay for your medical marijuana ID card.

How do I pay for my patient ID card? Using a computer (**not a mobile device**), log on to: <https://padohmp.custhelp.com/app/login> and log in as a returning user with the username and password that you created when you registered. Usernames and passwords are case-sensitive. Click the 'Make Payment' tab and follow the prompts to enter payment information. A confirmation will appear when you have successfully paid for the medical marijuana ID card.

How much is the medical marijuana ID card? The fee for the patient or caregiver medical marijuana ID card is \$50. Individuals who participate in the following government programs may qualify for a discounted medical marijuana ID card: Medicaid, PACE/ PACENET, CHIP, SNAP and WIC.

When will I get my patient ID card? You should receive your card approximately seven to 10 days after you order it online. The card will be mailed to the address in your Patient Profile.

I received my card. Where can I get medical marijuana? Once you have received your medical marijuana ID card in the mail, you can purchase medical marijuana at any dispensary in Pennsylvania. Some dispensaries require an appointment for your first visit. View contact information and locations for all dispensaries on the link on this page: www.medicalmarijuana.pa.gov

What is my patient profile? Your patient profile contains all your relevant patient information. Each time you log onto the patient and caregiver registry, you will be able to access this information. Under 'profile settings' is where you will find your patient ID number, as well as all your personal information. Patients can update their information on this page and should make sure that all the information is current.

What is a caregiver? A caregiver with the medical marijuana program is an individual who can pick up medical marijuana at a dispensary on behalf of their patient(s). Caregivers are not the practitioner who certifies the patient.

My card never arrived. What do I do? Most people receive their card within 10 days of paying for it, although it sometimes takes longer. If 18 days have passed since you have paid for the card, check your debit/credit card statement to make sure your payment was processed and contact us at RA-DHMedMarijuana@pa.gov to request a replacement card. Cards are mailed to the address in your patient/caregiver profile.

There are many other frequently asked questions on the Medical Marijuana Program Website under Patient and Caregiver resources. www.medicalmarijuana.pa.gov