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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

**EMERGENT AND SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO MMCC ID CARD REQUIREMENT**

**Exception period begins: Monday April 8, 2019**

**Exception period ends: Upon further notice**

Over the past several months the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission has been communicating the requirement for all certified patients to possess a MMCC ID Card to make purchases in a licensed dispensary beginning April 1, 2019.

Due to technical difficulties with the MMCC registration and renewal system some patients or caregivers are unable to print the temporary card.

In order for patients or caregivers to continue to purchase medical cannabis without disruption the MMCC is allowing an exception process for patients or caregivers unable to print a temporary ID card.

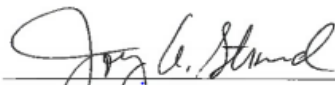
**EXCEPTION CRITERIA:**

When a patient or caregiver presents without a MMCC ID card the dispensary may allow the patient or caregiver to make purchases under the following conditions.

1. Patient or Caregiver provide the following documents
  - a. Valid Government issued photo ID
  - b. MMCC Patient or Caregiver Identification number
  
2. Dispensaries are required to log into the MMCC Patient Registry, enter the Patient ID number and must;
  - a. Verify current patient (and caregiver when applicable)
  - b. Verify current patient certification
  - c. Check patient allotment of medical cannabis available for purchase

This exception for the requirement to possess a MMCC ID card for the purchase of medical cannabis is a temporary and emergent measure to assist patients in obtaining needed medication.

**THIS SPECIAL EXCEPTION PROCESS TO PURCHASE MEDICAL CANNABIS IS IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

  
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