



## MMCC Patient Identification Card Requirement

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

**Beginning January 1, 2019:** All NEW patients must purchase MMCC ID cards at registration

**Beginning April 1, 2019:** MMCC ID cards required at time of purchase for ALL patients

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

### Program Summary:

- Effective January 1, 2019 all new patients **must** pay \$50 for an MMCC ID card at registration, which will expire 3 years from the date of issue;
- Effective March 1, 2019, all existing patients **may** (1) renew their application and purchase a patient MMCC ID card for \$50, which will expire 3 years from the issue date or (2) order an MMCC ID card for a \$50 fee, which will expire on the patient's existing registration expiration date;
- Effective April 1, 2019 all licensed Maryland dispensaries may only distribute or sell medical cannabis to patients who present a valid MMCC ID;
- MMCC ID cards issued prior to January 1, 2019 will expire on the expiration date listed on the card. After MMCC ID card is renewed, a 3 year card will go into effect; and
- Upon ordering an MMCC ID card or renewing their application, a patient will have the option to print a temporary ID card, which will be valid for a period of 90 days.

### Background:

Health-General Article, §13-3304(g), Annotated Code of Maryland, requires that "On receipt of a written certification provided under paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Commission shall issue an identification card to each qualifying patient or caregiver named in the written certification." In order to comply with the statutory requirement and better protect certified patients, the MMCC will require all new patients to purchase an MMCC ID at registration beginning on January 1, 2019. Beginning April 1, 2019, all patients and caregivers will be required to present an MMCC-issued ID to purchase medical cannabis from a licensed medical cannabis dispensary.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What does this mean for new patients?

As of January 1, 2019, all patients who register will be required to pay a non-refundable \$50 card fee *when they submit their application*. MMCC ID cards will automatically be mailed to the patient *once they receive their certification from their provider*. Beginning January 1, 2019, 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 who have an ID card?

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. Beginning April 1, 2019, an MMCC ID card will be required for purchase at all licensed Maryland dispensaries.

### What does this mean for existing patients who don't have an MMCC ID card?

If you are a registered patient and you don't have an ID card, you have two options:

1. Submit a renewal application to MMCC for a \$50 fee. The renewal registration will expire 3 years from the date of renewal. Beginning March 1, 2019, any patient may submit a renewal application; or
2. Order an MMCC ID card for a \$50 fee. This card will expire on the date your current registration expires.

### How do I renew and what does it mean?

To renew your registration, log into your existing MMCC account and click on the Renew Registration tab. You will be prompted to answer a number of questions. If your address has changed, you must update your address and you will be required to upload a current Proof of Maryland Address. 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?

To order an ID card, log into your MMCC account and click on the "Order ID Card" tab. Your MMCC ID card will expire on the date 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. However, **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 a period of 90 days. Each patient will have the option to print the temporary card when logging into your MMCC account.