



# PATIENT & CAREGIVER INFORMATION

## Who is Eligible to Become a Medical Cannabis Patient?

### Individuals living in Maryland must:

- Be **18 years or older**.
- Have a **written certification for a qualifying condition by a certifying provider**.
- If under the age of 18, have a **caregiver who is a parent or legal guardian**.

### Individuals living outside of Maryland must:

- Satisfy all requirements that apply to individuals living in Maryland.
- Provide a notarized letter from a Maryland Joint Commission Accredited Facility stating the individual is receiving inpatient treatment and the length of stay.



## How to Become a Medical Cannabis Patient in Maryland

### STEP 1: APPLY ONLINE AT [ONESTOP.MD.GOV](https://onestop.md.gov)

#### What you will need:

1. **A valid, accessible email account.**
2. **The full nine digits of your Social Security Number.**
3. **An electronic copy of a valid US government-issued photo ID.**

#### Accepted forms of identification:

- Driver's license
- State issued photo identification card
- Military ID (both front and back)
- US Passport

4. **Proof of current Maryland address.**

*If the identification you provide is not a Maryland driver's license or MVA ID card OR does not identify your current address, you must also provide two of the following documents as proof of your current Maryland address (All documents must be dated within the past 90 days):*

- MVA registration card or title
- Utility, telephone or cable/satellite TV bill
- Bank account statement
- Property tax bill
- Mortgage statement or proof of home ownership
- Major credit card bill
- Residential rental contract/lease
- Selective Service Card

5. **An electronic copy of a photograph taken within the last six (6) months** (*You can use one of the many free passport photo apps available*).

#### **Photo Requirements**

- Color photo **only**.
- Must be an image file (.pdf, .jpg, .png or .gif) and no larger than 3 MB in size.
- Photo must be taken in front of a plain white or off-white background.
- The entire face must be visible and unobscured (*directly facing the camera, no hat or sunglasses*).
- Take the photo with a neutral facial expression.
- Do not alter or digitally enhance the photo in any way (*no photo filters*).

#### **Patients must pay \$25 at registration to receive a MCA-issued ID card.**

Once you have a registered account with [onestop.md.gov](http://onestop.md.gov), a **verification email will be sent to the email address that was used to create the Onestop account**. Once the email has been verified, the patient can complete an application. The MCA reviews and processes all applications in the order they are received. You will receive a follow-up email advising whether or not your application has been approved or returned for corrections.

**Be sure to retain your approval email as it contains your MCA Patient ID number.** You will need your email address and password to log into your Maryland Onestop account and your 16-digit ID number for your provider to issue a written certification.

#### **MINOR PATIENTS (UNDER 18):**

- **\$25 fee waived.**
- Must submit a digital notarized copy of the Minor Patient Form in a digital format (found at [cannabis.maryland.gov](http://cannabis.maryland.gov)).
- Must submit official proof of guardianship for the minor patient (birth certificate, adoption papers, guardianship court order).
- Caregiver's MCA ID number (caregivers must register and receive MCA approval before they can register a minor patient).

#### **HOSPICE CARE PATIENTS:**

- **\$25 fee waived (must provide AOHR).**
- In lieu of a recent photo, hospice patients may provide a letter from the Attending of Hospice Record (AOHR).
- MCA expedites hospice patient registration.

#### **STEP 2: CERTIFY**

- Obtain a written certification for a qualifying condition by a certifying provider. Patients must have an in-person assessment with the certifying provider.
- Certifying providers will certify the patient through the Onestop secure portal.
- At this time, the cost of medical cannabis is not reimbursable by any private or public insurance plan, Medicare or Medicaid or through Veterans' covered plans.
- **Certifications are valid for a maximum of one year. Patients must recertify with a qualifying provider when the certification has expired.**

#### **STEP 3: VISIT A DISPENSARY**

- After your registration has been approved and a certifying provider has issued a written certification, you are ready to visit a licensed Maryland dispensary to purchase medical cannabis.
- Your MCA registration will expire six years from the date of application approval. An email will be sent to you 60 days prior to your expiration date to renew your registration.

#### **CAREGIVERS:**

- Caregivers may purchase, transport and administer medical cannabis for their patient(s).
- Register online at [cannabis.maryland.gov](http://cannabis.maryland.gov).
- Caregivers must be at least 21 years old.
- Registered patients may designate up to two caregivers.
- Caregivers may care for up to five medical cannabis patients.
- **Caregivers must purchase an MCA-issued ID card once they are linked to a patient account.**

#### **STORE MEDICAL CANNABIS SAFELY**

Store medical cannabis up, away and out of reach of children and pets—consider using a lock box or other sealed storage system. **A little precaution and common sense can go a long way in preventing an accidental ingestion!**

**If you are worried about an adverse reaction to cannabis, call 911 or visit your nearest hospital if it is a medical emergency.**

For non-emergencies, contact the Maryland Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222. Help is available 24 hours a day. **Calls are confidential.**

**For more information, visit  
[cannabis.maryland.gov](http://cannabis.maryland.gov)**

