

1. Why is MCA conducting a patient survey?

Insights and opinions from medical patients are valuable for MCA to continue to improve Maryland's medical cannabis program. Anonymous information from thousands of patients will be put together to better understand how the medical cannabis program impacts patients' lives. More than 12,000 medical cannabis patients responded to each previous medical patient survey. Read the Maryland Medical Cannabis Patient Survey Reports [here](#).

2. Who can participate?

Certified medical cannabis patients over age 18 in Maryland will be invited to participate in the survey. MCA is seeking approximately 10,000 responses to meet its survey goals. Participation is anonymous and voluntary. Choosing not to participate will not affect one's medical cannabis patient registration in any way.

3. Who will the email invite to patients come from?

The email will list "Maryland Cannabis Administration" in the From line and "MCA Survey: Your feedback is important!" in the Subject line. The survey is expected to stay open for about a week, or until the maximum number of responses is reached.

4. Will MCA know how specific patients responded to the survey?

No, the survey is anonymous; individual patient responses will not be identifiable.

5. How long is the survey?

The survey is taken online, using smartphone, tablet, or other device. The survey takes about 20 minutes to complete.

6. Is there a monetary incentive for patients to participate?

At the end of the survey, participants can opt into a raffle prize drawing; five (5) VISA gift cards of \$100 each will be awarded. Winners will receive their gift cards via email within approximately six (6) weeks of completing the survey.

7. Are there any risks with taking the survey?

Because the survey is anonymous, risks are minimal. Some questions may be sensitive. If any question is uncomfortable, it may be skipped, or the survey can be stopped at any time. Participation is voluntary.

8. What are the benefits of taking part in the survey?

Five participants who complete the survey will win a \$100 VISA gift card. In addition, taking part in the survey can be a meaningful opportunity to voice one's opinion and provide important information on experiences and satisfaction with Maryland's medical cannabis program.

9. Will the results be shared?

Individual survey responses will be anonymous. MCA anticipates sharing the final survey report on its website. This report will summarize group responses and identify key themes. Prior Maryland Medical Cannabis Patient Survey Reports can be found [here](#).

10. Did an Institutional Review Board (IRB) review this study?

IRBs are entities designed to ensure research is conducted ethically and in accordance with regulations. This survey has been reviewed by an IRB through Cannabis Public Policy Consulting, the agency that is implementing the survey on behalf of MCA.