



**MMCC**  
MARYLAND  
MEDICAL  
CANNABIS  
COMMISSION



# PATIENT & CAREGIVER INFORMATION

## About The Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission

The mission of the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission (MMCC) is to provide a safe, effective, and consumer-friendly medical cannabis program for qualifying patients.

## 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 [MMCC.MARYLAND.GOV](https://mmcc.maryland.gov)**

### What you will need:

1. A valid, accessible email account.  
The last four 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 \$50 at registration for an MMCC-issued ID card.**

**Verify your email address.** After submitting your application, a verification email will be sent. **You must click the verification link in the email message to verify your account.** The MMCC reviews all applications in the order they were received. You will receive a follow-up email advising whether or not your application has been approved. **Be sure to retain your approval email as it contains your Username and MMCC Patient ID number.** You will need your Username to log into the Patient Registry and your ID number for your provider to issue a written certification.

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

- **\$50 fee waived.**
- Must submit a digital notarized copy of the Minor Patient Form in a digital format (*found at mmcc.maryland.gov*)
- Must submit official proof of guardianship for the minor patient (birth certificate, adoption papers, guardianship court order).
- Caregiver's MMCC ID number (*caregivers must register and receive MMCC approval before they can register a minor patient*).

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

- **\$50 fee waived (must provide AOHR).**
- In lieu of a recent photo, hospice patients may provide a letter from the Attending of Hospice Record (AOHR).
- MMCC 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 enter patient certification information into the MMCC 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.**

#### **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.
- **If you do not purchase medical cannabis within 120 days of issue, the certification expires and you will need to obtain a new certification.**
- **MMCC ID cards expire three years from the date of issue. Before expiration, patients may renew their ID cards at mmcc.maryland.gov.**

#### **CAREGIVERS:**

- Caregivers may purchase, transport and administer medical cannabis for their patient(s).
- Register online at mmcc.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 MMCC-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.**

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