

Patients and Caregivers

1. Please ensure you enter the information EXACTLY as it appears on your PA driver's license or PennDOT-issued ID card.
 - Type in ALL CAPS when entering your information.
 - Do not use spaces between the numbers in the driver's license or PennDOT-issued ID card number.
 - Do not use punctuation such as periods or commas in your address. Example: your address is listed as 100 E MAIN ST on your driver's license – do not spell out EAST or STREET – must be exactly as it appears.
2. How to Get Medical Marijuana - Patients that want to participate in the medical marijuana program must follow these steps:
 - First, visit then Patients and Caregivers Registry and create a patient profile in the Department of Health's patient and caregiver registry.
 - Next, obtain a physician's certification that you suffer from one of the 17 serious medical conditions.
 - Then, return to the Patient and Caregivers Registry and pay for a medical marijuana ID card.
 - Obtain medical marijuana from an approved dispensary in Pennsylvania.
3. How to Get Medical Marijuana - Caregivers that want to participate in the medical marijuana program must follow these steps:
 - First, visit the Patients and Caregivers Registry and create a caregiver profile in the Department of Health's patient and caregiver registry.
 - Next, complete a criminal background check.
 - Then, complete an 'authorization to designate a third-party caregiver' form, if necessary.
 - Ensure your patient has a patient certification.
 - Return to the Patient and Caregivers Registry and pay for a medical marijuana ID card.

HOW PATIENTS CAN GET MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN PENNSYLVANIA WHEN THE PROGRAM IS FULLY IMPLEMENTED

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REGISTER for the Medical Marijuana Program
at medicalmarijuana.pa.gov.

2



OBTAIN a physician's certification that you suffer
from one of the 17 serious medical conditions.

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COMPLETE registration by paying
for a medical marijuana ID card.

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VISIT a dispensary in Pennsylvania
to obtain medical marijuana.

4. Guidance for Schools and School Districts

- The Pennsylvania Departments of Health and Education support the administration of medical marijuana under a Safe Harbor Letter to students with serious medical conditions and the maintenance of a safe environment for other students while on school property. The below guidance provides information to school administrators to assist them in developing policies for the administration of medical marijuana on school property.
- Recommended Guidance: A parent, legal guardian or caregiver may administer medical marijuana to their child/student on school premises provided that the parent, legal guardian or caregiver: (1) provides the school principal with a copy of the Safe Harbor Letter; and (2) notifies the school principal, in advance, of each instance in which the parent or caregiver will administer the medical marijuana to the child/student. The school principal shall provide notification to the school nurse in each instance a parent or caregiver will be administering medical marijuana to the child/student as well. The parent/caregiver shall follow all school protocols applicable to visitors to the school during the school day.
- A parent, legal guardian or caregiver shall bring to the school and administer the medical marijuana to their child/student without creating a distraction, and shall promptly remove any excess medical marijuana and related materials from the school premises after the administration of medical marijuana is complete. The school shall provide a secure and private location for the parent/legal guardian/caregiver to administer the medical marijuana to the student.
- Students themselves shall not be permitted to possess any form of medical marijuana at any time on school property or during any school activities on school property.
- Expiration: The recommended guidance will remain in effect until the Pennsylvania Department of Education promulgates regulations regarding the possession and use of medical marijuana in the commonwealth's schools.

5. Safe Harbor

- The Pennsylvania Safe Harbor Letter is available to parents, legal guardians, caregivers and spouses of a minor under the age of 18 who suffers from one of the 17 serious medical conditions defined in the Medical Marijuana Act.

6. Applying for Safe Harbor

- Prior to beginning the Safe Harbor Letter application process, please make sure you have all of the required documents and information necessary to submit your application.
- All applicants will need:
 - Completed electronic copy of the Safe Harbor Physician form
 - Completed electronic copy of Pennsylvania background check
 - Legal guardians will need an electronic copy of their guardianship papers.
 - Caregivers will need an electronic copy of their caregiver status
 - Spouses will need an electronic copy of their marriage certificate.