

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL MARIJUANA REGISTRY SYSTEM**

Certify your patients. Safe. Secure. Simple.



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The Connecticut Medical Marijuana Program (MMP) administers the Connecticut Palliative Use of Marijuana Act and registers patients to use medical marijuana in Connecticut. MMP is part of the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection.

## HISTORY

In 2012, Connecticut became the 17th state to enact a law permitting the legal use of marijuana for palliative, medical purposes. Connecticut General Statutes Chapter 420f, Section 21a-408:

- Provides legal protections to qualified, registered patients for possession and use;
- Allows a physician to certify that a patient has a debilitating medical condition;
- Requires a caregiver only if a physician believes the patient will benefit from having one; and
- Requires qualifying patients and primary caregivers to register with the Department of Consumer Protection, which can be done online with the Connecticut Medical Marijuana Registry System.

## LIMITS OF PROTECTION

The medical marijuana law protects medical marijuana patients who comply with the law from State civil and criminal penalties. It does not, however, protect marijuana or marijuana products from being seized or people from being prosecuted under the Federal Controlled Substances Act.

# Qualifying Debilitating Medical Conditions

## **Under the law, medical marijuana can be used for these debilitating medical conditions:**

- Cancer
- Glaucoma
- Positive Status for Human Immunodeficiency Virus or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
- Parkinson's Disease
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Damage to the Nervous Tissue of the Spinal Cord with Objective Neurological Indication of Intractable Spasticity
- Epilepsy
- Cachexia
- Wasting Syndrome
- Crohn's Disease
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

The Department of Consumer Protection has the authority to add conditions by promulgating a regulation, and additional conditions are being considered. For a current list of debilitating conditions, please visit our website at [www.ct.gov/dcp/mmp](http://www.ct.gov/dcp/mmp).

## **ADDING A DEBILITATING MEDICAL CONDITION**

Individuals interested in adding a debilitating medical condition may petition the Department's Medical Marijuana Board of Physicians using the Department's online form. All petitions must be completely filled-out and submitted to the Medical Marijuana Program for review. Petitions that meet all requirements will be referred to the Board

of Physicians for a public hearing. Petitioners will be notified in advance of the date, time and location of the public hearing, and will be allowed to offer verbal comments, as will other members of the public. Petition forms are available on our website at [www.ct.gov/dcp/mmp](http://www.ct.gov/dcp/mmp).



### MEDICAL MARIJUANA CANNOT BE PRESCRIBED

Physicians can only prescribe Schedule II-V controlled substances to their patients. The federal government classifies marijuana as a Schedule I drug, which means a physician cannot prescribe it. However, a physician may certify their patient for use of medical marijuana in Connecticut by utilizing the Department's online form. The certification is valid for one year from date of certification.

This will allow a patient to complete their portion of the registration process and submit all the required documents and payment fees.

### DECERTIFYING YOUR PATIENT

A physician may decertify a patient for any reason by submitting a Physician Decertification Form to the Medical Marijuana Program. The form is available on our website at [www.ct.gov/dcp/mmp](http://www.ct.gov/dcp/mmp).

### PHYSICIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

Physicians can only certify patients for marijuana where there is a bona-fide physician-patient relationship, and after:

- Completing an in-person medically reasonable assessment of the patient's medical history, prescription history and current medical condition;
- Diagnosing the patient as having one of the current qualifying debilitating medical conditions as defined in the law;
- Prescribing, or determining it is not in the patient's best interest to prescribe, prescription drugs to address the symptoms or effects for which the certification is being issued.
- Concluding that, in the physician's professional opinion, the potential benefits of the palliative use of marijuana would likely outweigh the health risks to the patient; and

- Explaining the potential risks and benefits of the palliative use of marijuana to the patient or, where the patient lacks legal capacity, to the parent, guardian or other person having legal custody of the patient.

### REVIEWING A PATIENT'S PRESCRIPTION HISTORY REPORTS ONLINE

Before a patient can be certified, the certifying physician must be registered with the Connecticut Prescription Monitoring Program at [www.ctpmp.com](http://www.ctpmp.com). The website allows a physician to review their patient's controlled substance history report online 24/7. This report also includes any medical marijuana dispensed to a patient by a dispensary facility.

### ISSUING WRITTEN CERTIFICATIONS

The Department will only accept written certifications from physicians for the palliative use of marijuana when the physician:

- Has an active Connecticut medical license issued by the Connecticut Department of Public Health;
- Practices within the State of Connecticut;
- Has an active controlled substances registration issued by the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection that is not subject to limitation;
- Has an active Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) controlled substance registration that is not subject to limitation; and
- Is registered with, and able to access, the Connecticut Prescription Monitoring Program at [www.ctpmp.com](http://www.ctpmp.com).

### AMOUNT OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA A PHYSICIAN CAN CERTIFY

The maximum allowable monthly amount per patient is 2.5 ounces, unless the physician indicates a lesser amount is appropriate. Any changes to the allowable amount will be based on advice from the Medical Marijuana Board of Physicians.

# PHYSICIAN PROCESS FOR PATIENT CERTIFICATION

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| <b>1</b> Start Here<br>Register  | <b>2</b> Log In   | <b>3</b> Certify Your Patient  | <b>4</b> Designate Caregiver<br>for Your Patient<br>(OPTIONAL)   | <b>5</b> You Are Done  |
| <p>Physicians must create an account with the DAS Business Network to access the online certification system.</p> <p>Use the following link to register for a free account:<br/><b><a href="https://www.biznet.ct.gov/dcp-mmrp">https://www.biznet.ct.gov/dcp-mmrp</a></b></p> <p>Please make sure to follow the prompts and instructions during the registration process to ensure successful account creation and verification.</p> <p>After completing this one-time registration process and verifying your account via e-mail, you can log in and begin registering patients.</p> | <p><b><a href="https://www.biznet.ct.gov/dcp-mmrp">https://www.biznet.ct.gov/dcp-mmrp</a></b></p> <p>Login using the e-mail address and password you established during the DAS Business Network registration process.</p> <p>Select the <b>“I am a Physician”</b> option and the system will prompt you to provide identifying information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DEA Number</li><li>• Last 4 digits of your social security number</li></ul> <p>Review the information provided in the Physician Profile webpage to ensure your information is correct.</p> | <p>Select “Add New Patient” to begin entering your patient’s information.</p> <p>Keep in mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Qualifying patient must be a Connecticut resident.</li><li>• Qualifying patient must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older.</li></ul> <p>During the registration process, physicians are required to enter a valid patient’s e-mail address (preferred method).</p> <p>For patients without an e-mail address, the system allows a physician to create a temporary e-mail address and password for their patient.</p> | <p>Based on the patient’s debilitating medical condition, the physician can authorize a caregiver, if needed.</p> <p>The Caregiver must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Manage the well-being of a registered patient with respect to their palliative use of marijuana.</li><li>• Be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older;</li><li>• Not be the patient’s physician;</li><li>• Be responsible for only one (1) patient unless there is a parental, guardianship, conservatorship or sibling relationship with each patient.</li><li>• Be a parent, guardian or legal custodian where the adult patient lacks legal capacity.</li></ul> | <p>Your patient is certified.</p> <p>Please remind your patient to complete their registration at:</p> <p><b><a href="https://www.biznet.ct.gov/dcp-mmrp">https://www.biznet.ct.gov/dcp-mmrp</a></b></p> |





### SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE MMP

The Connecticut Medical Marijuana Program:

- Reviews applications to issue medical marijuana registration certificates to:
  - Patients with qualifying medical conditions; and
  - Eligible caregivers
- Maintains records that comply with state confidentiality laws;
- Educates patients, caregivers, physicians and pharmacists about Connecticut's Palliative Use of Marijuana Act and the program's policies and processes.

### WHAT THE MMP DOES NOT DO

- The MMP does not have a physician referral list. However, any doctor of medicine (MD) or doctor of osteopathy (DO) licensed in Connecticut can certify a patient for the program if they have the required controlled substances registrations identified in the previous section.
- The MMP does not give legal advice. Persons with legal questions about the MMP should consult a private attorney.

### RECIPROCITY WITH OTHER STATES

- Connecticut cardholders are protected from prosecution in another state only if that state legally accepts Connecticut's medical marijuana card. Medical marijuana programs vary by state. A Connecticut cardholder who possesses medical marijuana in another state without a medical marijuana card from that state acts at his or her own risk.

- Connecticut DOES NOT acknowledge medical marijuana cards from any other state. Therefore, patients with medical marijuana cards from other states are not protected from arrest and prosecution in Connecticut for possession of marijuana.
- A cardholder should contact the state he or she is traveling to for information about its laws.

### PATIENT QUALIFICATIONS FOR A REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

- A qualifying patient must be a Connecticut resident;
- Must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older;
- Cannot be an inmate confined in a correctional institution or facility under the supervision of the Connecticut Department of Corrections; and
- Is being treated for a qualifying debilitating medical condition.



# PATIENT REGISTRATION PROCESS

| 1 Start Here Register  | 2 Log In   | 3 Enter Caregiver Information if Applicable  | 4 Required Documentation and Photo   | 5 Fees   |
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| <p>Patients must create an account with the DAS Business Network to access the online certification system.</p> <p>Use the following link to register for a free account:<br/><a href="https://www.biznet.ct.gov/dcp-mmpr">https://www.biznet.ct.gov/dcp-mmpr</a></p> <p><b>Please Note:</b> Make sure you have been certified by your physician before beginning the registration process.</p> <p>Follow all prompts and instructions during the process to ensure successful account creation and verification.</p> <p>After completing this one-time registration process and verifying your account via e-mail, you can log in and begin registration.</p> | <p><a href="https://www.biznet.ct.gov/dcp-mmpr">https://www.biznet.ct.gov/dcp-mmpr</a></p> <p>Log in using the e-mail address and password you established during the DAS Business Network registration process.</p> <p>Select the <b>“I am a Patient”</b> option and the system will prompt you to provide identifying information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Date of Birth</li><li>• E-mail Address</li></ul> <p>Review the information provided on the Patient Information webpage to ensure your information is correct.</p> | <p>Based on the patient’s debilitating medical condition, the physician can authorize a caregiver, if needed.</p> <p>Patients must complete the caregiver information and include a valid e-mail address for the caregiver to be able to complete their portion of the application.</p> <p>The caregiver must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Manage the well-being of a registered patient with respect to their palliative use of marijuana.</li><li>• Be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older;</li><li>• Not be the patient’s physician;</li><li>• Be responsible for only one (1) patient unless there is a parental, guardianship, conservatorship or sibling relationship with each patient.</li><li>• Be a parent, guardian or legal custodian where the adult patient lacks legal capacity.</li></ul> | <p>Select and either mail or upload one (1) of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proof of Identity</li><li>• Proof of Residency</li><li>• Photo</li></ul> <p>If mailing documents, please send to:</p> <p>Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection<br/>Medical Marijuana Program<br/>165 Capitol Ave, MS# 88MMP<br/>Hartford, CT 06106-1630</p> <p>Certifications:</p> <p>Patients must read and affirm each statement on the webpage by selecting <b>“Yes”</b>.</p> | <p>The patient application fee is \$100.00.</p> <p>The caregiver application fee is \$25.00.</p> <p>If mailing in the fee, please make check or money order payable to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Treasurer, State of CT</b></li></ul> <p>The Department will not accept cash payments.</p> <p>Applicants paying by personal check will be subject to a holding period on their application until the check clears.</p> <p>A registration certificate expires one (1) year from the physician’s certification date.</p> |



### CAREGIVER QUALIFICATIONS FOR A REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

- The patient's physician has certified the patient's need for a caregiver.
- The caregiver agrees to be responsible for managing the well-being of the registered patient with respect to their palliative use of marijuana;
- Is at least eighteen (18) years of age or older;
- Is not the patient's physician;
- Has not been convicted of a law pertaining to the illegal manufacture, sale or distribution of a controlled substance; and where the adult patient lacks legal capacity, is a parent, guardian or legal custodian.
- The caregiver can be responsible for only one patient unless there is a parental, guardianship, conservatorship or sibling relationship.

# CAREGIVER REGISTRATION PROCESS

| 1 Start Here<br>Register   | 2 Log in  | 3 Required<br>Documentation<br>and Photo  | 4 Fees   |
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| <p>The caregiver must create an account with the DAS Business Network to access the online certification system.</p> <p>Use the following link to register for an account:<br/><b><a href="https://www.biznet.ct.gov/dcp-mmprp">https://www.biznet.ct.gov/dcp-mmprp</a></b></p> <p>Follow all prompts and instructions during the process to ensure successful account creation and verification.</p> <p>After completing this one-time registration process and verifying your account via e-mail, you can log in and begin registration.</p> | <p><b><a href="https://www.biznet.ct.gov/dcp-mmprp">https://www.biznet.ct.gov/dcp-mmprp</a></b></p> <p>Log in using the e-mail address and password you established during the DAS Business Network registration process.</p> <p>Select the <b>“I am a Caregiver”</b> option and the system will prompt you to provide identifying information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Date of Birth</li><li>• E-mail Address</li></ul> <p>Review the information provided on the Primary Caregiver Information webpage to ensure your information is correct.</p> | <p>Select and either mail or upload one (1) of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proof of Identity</li><li>• Photo</li></ul> <p>If mailing documents, please send to:</p> <p>Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection<br/>Medical Marijuana Program<br/>165 Capitol Ave,<br/>MS# 88MMP<br/>Hartford, CT 06106-1630</p> <p>Certifications:</p> <p>Caregivers must read and affirm each statement on the webpage by selecting <b>“Yes”</b>.</p> | <p>The caregiver application fee is \$25.00.</p> <p>If mailing in the fee, please make check or money order payable to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Treasurer, State of CT</b></li></ul> <p>The Department will not accept cash payments.</p> <p>Applicants paying by personal check will be subject to a holding period on their application until the check clears.</p> <p>A registration certificate expires one (1) year from the patient physician’s certification date.</p> |



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