



STATE OF CONNECTICUT MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM



Medical Marijuana Program (MMP) Presentation Summary

- Understanding the Law
- Role of Physicians
- Regulation and Legal Protections
- Where We Are Now
- Questions



Basic Timeline

- May 2012 – Public Act 12-55 becomes law
- October 2012 – Patient registration begins
- January 2013 – First draft of regulations
- April 2013 – Public hearing on Regulations
- June 2013 – Regulations submitted to General Assembly's Regulation Review Committee
- September 2013 – Regulations effective
- September 2013 – Request for applications for producer and dispensary facility licenses
- November 2013 – Producer and dispensary facility license applications submitted
- February 2014 – Producer licenses awarded
- April 2014 – Dispensary facility licenses awarded
- September 2014 – Medical marijuana available for sale to patients



Understanding the Law

- Public Act 12-55, An Act Concerning the Palliative Use of Marijuana
 - Signed into law on May 31, 2012
 - Codified at C.G.S. § § 21a-408 to 21a-408q
- Designed to enable the palliative use of marijuana by seriously ill patients while preventing misuse or diversion
- Immunity from **state** criminal and civil penalties



Federal Guidance

- U.S. DoJ Enforcement Memo – August 29, 2014
- U.S. Treasury Dep't FINCEN Memo February 14, 2014
- U.S. DoJ Financial Crimes Memo February 14, 2014

Understanding the Law: Designed to Prevent Misuse and Diversion

- Limited List of Debilitating Medical Conditions
- Physicians are the Gatekeepers
- Patients and Caregivers Must Meet Strict Requirements and Act Responsibly
- Producers and Dispensaries are Tightly Controlled

Debilitating Medical Conditions Recognized by the Law

- 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

Physicians are the Gatekeepers

- Must have a bona-fide physician-patient relationship
- Certify if patient needs a caregiver
- Cannot financially benefit from registration beyond normal fee for office visit

Registration Process Overview



MMP Medical Marijuana Program
CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

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Physician Protections

- Immunity for certifying patients: C.G.S § 21a-408c(c)
 - Not subject to arrest or prosecution, criminal or civil penalty, may not be denied right or privilege, including being subject to disciplinary action by a professional licensing board if:
 - Bona-fide physician/patient relationship
 - Performed medically reasonable patient assessment
 - Diagnosed debilitating condition
 - Explained the potential risks and benefits to the patient
 - No financial interest is a producer or dispensary facility

Board of Physicians (BOP)

- Consists of up to eight physicians
- Knowledgeable about the palliative use of marijuana
- Hold public meetings several times a year
- Advise DCP on medical aspects of program
- Evaluate petitions to add to list of debilitating medical conditions

Debilitating Medical Conditions Being Added Following a BOP Recommendation

- Sickle Cell Disease
- Post Laminectomy Syndrome with Chronic Radiculopathy
- Severe Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis
- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS or Lou Gehrig's Disease)
- Ulcerative Colitis
- Fabry Disease

Qualified Patient Must be an Adult With a Debilitating Medical Condition

- Certified by a physician as:
 - Having a debilitating medical condition
 - Being an appropriate candidate for medical marijuana
- 18 years of age
- Connecticut resident
- Not an inmate in a Department of Corrections facility

Not Everyone Can Register as a Caregiver

- 18 years of age
- Not the patient's physician
- Not convicted of violating certain controlled substance laws
- Where the patient lacks legal capacity, is a parent, guardian or legal custodian
- Responsible for only one patient with limited exceptions

Patients and Caregivers Must Act Responsibly

- Possess no more than a one-month supply between them
- Not use marijuana in a way that endangers others
- Store marijuana in a secure location
- Not use marijuana in a prohibited place

Patient Protections

- Immunity for use or possession of up to a month supply (C.G.S § 21a-408a)
 - Not subject to arrest or prosecution
 - Not subject to criminal or civil penalty
 - May not be denied a right or privilege, including being subject to disciplinary action by a professional licensing board
- Law enforcement can verify patient registration status 24/7
- Similar protections for caregivers

Additional Patient and Caregiver Protections

- No discriminatory treatment based upon status as a medical marijuana patient: C.G.S § 21a-408p
 - Schools may not refuse enrollment or discriminate
 - Landlords may not refuse to rent or take action
 - Employers may not refuse to hire or discharge, penalize or threaten
 - May prohibit use during work hours or discipline for on-the-job intoxication

Producers are Limited and Tightly Regulated

- Secure indoor facilities
- Built in permissible locations in Connecticut
- Experienced and financially capable
- Meet health, safety, security and other requirements
- Manufacture pharmaceutical grade marijuana that is unadulterated, lab tested and properly labeled

Licensed Producers

- Advance Grow Labs, LLC - West Haven, CT
- Connecticut Pharmaceutical Solutions LLC - Portland, CT
- Curaleaf, LLC - Simsbury, CT
- Theraplant, LLC - Watertown, CT

Marijuana Dispensed Consistent with its Status as a Controlled Substance

- Dispensary facilities regulated like pharmacies
- Marijuana dispensed by licensed pharmacists
 - Trained on proper handling of controlled substances
 - Experience counseling patients on medication use and drug interactions

Requirements for Tight Internal Controls

- Professional alarm systems
- Marijuana stored in approved safes or vaults with limited access
- Marijuana may not be used at the dispensary facility
- Except for emergency situations, visitors must be pre-approved by the Department
- Medical marijuana sold in child-resistant, tamper-proof packaging

Dispensary Facilities

- Arrow Alternative Care Inc., Hartford, CT
- Bluepoint Wellness of Connecticut, Branford, CT
- Compassionate Care Center, Bethel, CT
- Prime Wellness of CT, South Windsor, CT
- Thames Valley Alternative Relief, Uncasville, CT
- The Healing Corner, Bristol, CT

Producer and Dispensary Protections

- Immunity for producer and employees for cultivating, selling, transporting or delivering to dispensary facilities: C.G.S § 21a-408k(b)
- Immunity for dispensary facilities and employees for acquiring, possessing, distributing or dispensing in accordance with statute: C.G.S § 21a-408j(b)

Differences Between Medical & Street Marijuana

Medical Marijuana:


- Pharmaceutical grade
- Laboratory tested
- Label and active ingredients on all packaging
- Unadulterated
- Variety of dosage forms

Producer – Sample Label

Product Name → **AGL-F 17.8 H - 3.5 g (1/8oz)**

Producer Name & Address → **Advanced Grow Labs
400 Frontage Road
West Haven, CT 05616**

Packaged/Expiration Date → **OPC Lic #: 1**
Batch #: AGL-BR-F3 150216
Package ID: 00000000307
Harvest Date: 2015-02-16
Vendor Type:
Strain: HYBRID
Packaged Date: 03-11-2015
Expiration Date: 03-11-2016
Gross Weight: 3.50 GR
Net Weight: 3.50 GR
MIP Weight:

State Issued NDC Number → 
00000000307

Active Ingredients → **Ingredients:**
Raw Flower Pre-Roll x 4
Advanced Grow Labs Tested On: 2015-02-20

THC:	0.558%	CBD:	<0.01%
THCA:	17.283%	CBDA:	0.042%
DTHC:	N/A%	CBN:	0.012%

TESTING: Microbiology PASS, Mycotoxins PASS, Heavy Metals PASS, Pesticides PASS

TERPENOIDS PRESENT: Alpha-pinene, Beta-pinene, Caryophyllene, Limonene D, Myrcene, Humulene

Conversion
2.5 Oz = 70 GR



Producer – Sample Label

Producer Name
& Address



47 Lower Main Street, Portland CT 06480
PH: 860-740-4340

Product Name

Seraden Flower

Product Qty: **3.5 g**

State Issued
NDC Number

Lot: C001503

NDC 00000000500

Date Tested: 2/20/2015

ExpirationDate: 2/20/2016

Active
Ingredients

THC: 0.77% CBD: 0.0% THCA: 26.80% CBDA: 0.14%

Terpenes Profile: (% Weight) α -pinene – 0.03%, β -pinene – 0.09%, β -myrcene – 0.57%, limonene – 0.28%, ocimene – 0.03%, terpinolene – 0.05%, linalool – 0.64%, β -caryophyllene – 1.09%, humulene – 0.18%

Microbiology: PASS Heavy Metals: PASS Mycotoxin: PASS Chemical Residue: PASS



Producer – Sample Label

Product Name

TheraplantBalm-P - 5.5mL Tube

Producer Name
& Address

Theraplant
856 Echo Lake Rd
Watertown, CT 06795

OPC Lic #: Theraplant	Batch #: P	Package ID: 00000000399
Harvest Date: 2014-12-16	Vendor Type:	Strain: Hybrid
Packaged Date: 03-19-2015	Expiration Date: 03-19-2018	
Gross Weight: 4.00 GR	Net Weight: 4.00 GR	MIP Weight:

State Issued
NDC Number



00000000399

Active
Ingredients

Ingredients:
TOTAL CANNABINOID CONTENT: 5.37mg
TERPENOID ANALYSIS: Alpha Pinene <0.010%, Beta Pinene <0.010%, Limonene <0.010%, Beta Myrcene <0.010%, Beta Caryphyllene <0.010%, Humulene <0.010%

Theraplant Tested On: 2015-03-10

THC:	0.33%	CBD:	<0.010%
THCA:	0.136%	CBDA:	<0.010%
DTHC:	N/T	CBN:	<0.010%

TESTING: MicrobiologyPASS, MycotoxinsPASS, Heavy MetalsPASS, PesticidesPASS

CBG=<0.010% CBGA=0.021% CBC=<0.010%

N/T = Not Testable = 0% - .0999%

Warning - Contains coconut oil. May be habit forming.

1 Tube=0.25G Raw Flower



Producer – Sample Label

OPC Lic #: 0000003 **Batch #:** 22-A **Package ID:** 00000000614-22A

Harvest Date: 2014-12-19 **Vendor Type:** Dispensary **Strain:** Blend
Gross Weight: 0.23 GR **Net Weight:** 0.23 GR **MIP Weight:**



00000000614-22A

State Issued
NDC Number

Expiration Date: 03-19-2016

Ingredients:

Tested On: 03/19/2015; C230 CBD VAPE CARTRIDGE
230.74mg CBD per 1.5mL cartridge. Equivalent to 2300mg
marijuana. THCA: 0.280%; THC: 0.805%; CBDA: 3.060%; CBD:
12.323%; CBG-A: 0.022%; CBG: 0.247%; CBN: 0.029%; CBC:
0.768% Terpenes: Alpha-Pinene; Beta-Pinene; Beta-Myrcene;
Limonene; Beta-Caryophyllene; Humulene Microbiological,
mycotoxins, heavy metals, chemical residue: ALL PASS
CURALEAF, 100 GRIST MILL RD., SIMSBURY, CT 06070

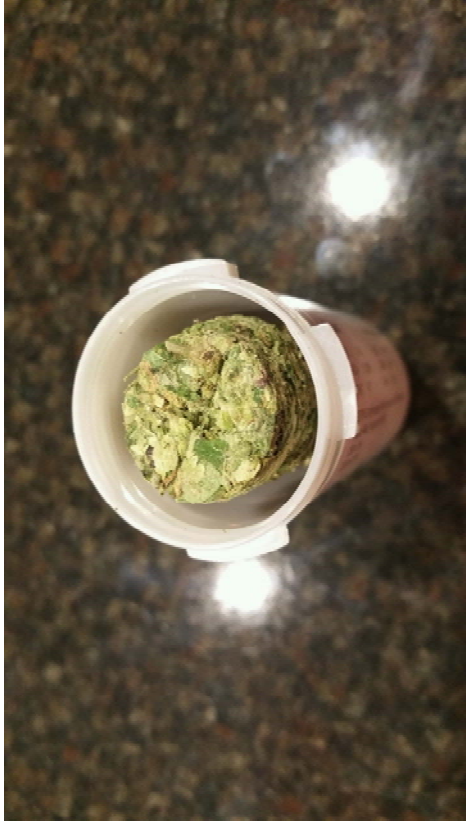
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& Address



Available Products



MedTabs - 5, 10 GR

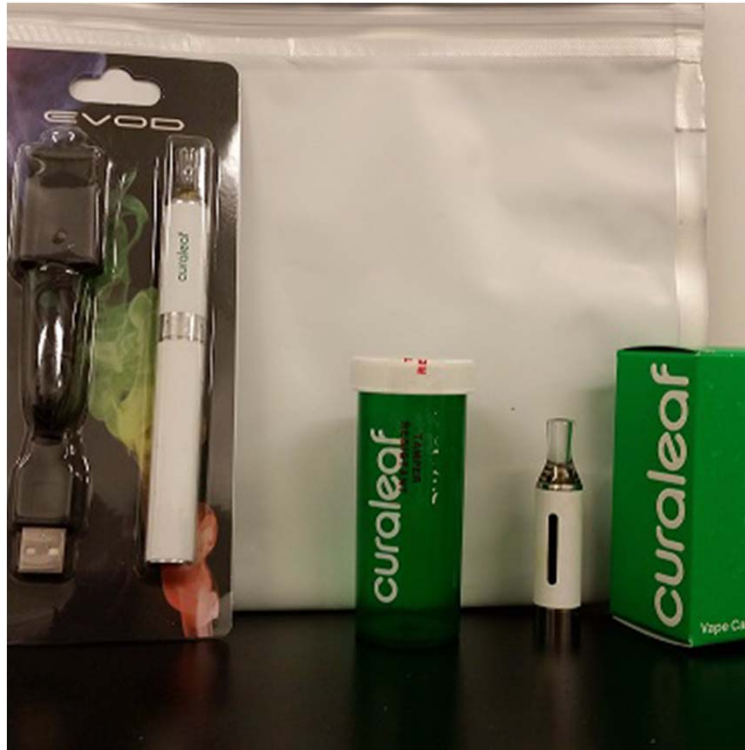


Pre-Rolled Cones - 2.25, 3.5, 14 GR



Raw Flower – 2, 2.5, 5, 7, 10, 14, 15, 35 GR

Available Products



Vape Cartridges – 0.1 ML, 1.5 ML,
2.6 GR, 2000 MG, 2300MG, 3400
MG, 675 MG



Vape Pen – 200, 223.84
MG

Available Products



Coconut Peanut Butter Bites – 0.06,
20 MG



Brownie Bites – 0.06, 20 MG

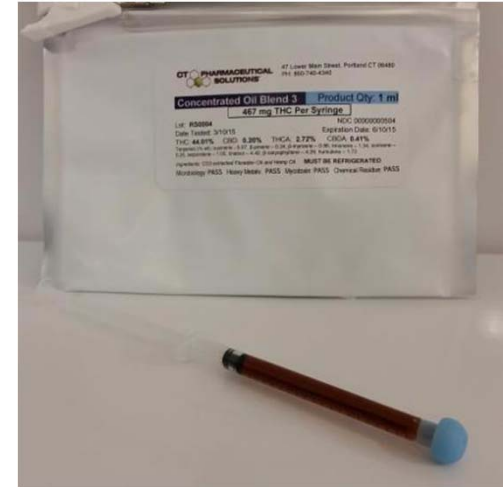
Available Products



Sublingual Strips – 20 MG



Concentrate – 20 MG



Concentrated Oil – 600 MG

Available Products



Almond Butter – 20 MG



Coconut Butter – 20 MG



Gel Caps – 600 MG

Available Products



Granola – 1300 MG,
150MG



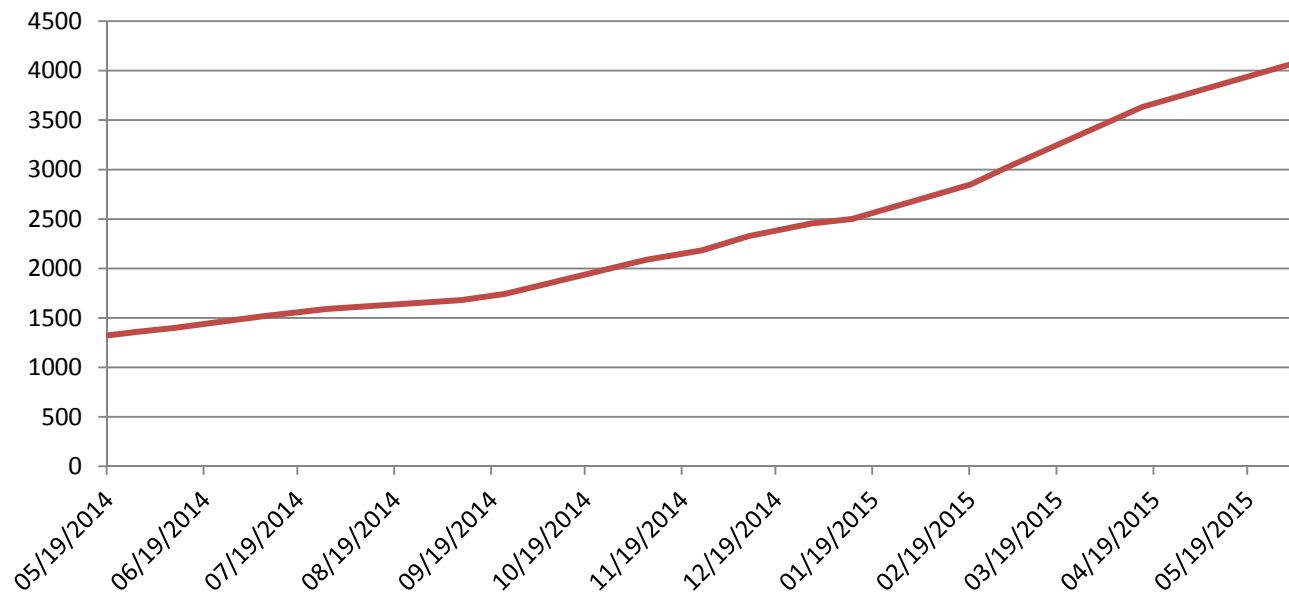
Dutch Coco Chocolate Cookies – 20 MG
Green Tea Meringue Cookies – 15 MG
Infused Olive Oil – 15 MG/tbsp

Program Update

- Patient registrations increasing
- Regulations to add new conditions
- Request for Applications for dispensary facilities
- Trend towards non-smokable products
- Public service announcements
- Increasing interest in research

Connecticut Medical Marijuana Program Statistics

of Approved Patients



4097 Patients

June 5, 2015



Web address for the Medical Marijuana Program:

www.ct.gov/dcp/mmp

