

What is the cost?

- The Department is currently waiving the \$50 fee for all patients and their designated caregivers. Simply select “Bill Me Later” when registering and the application fee will be waived.
- Medical Marijuana Product Cost – The cost of the product is paid directly to the registered organization each time the registered patient or designated caregiver purchases medical marijuana. Insurance companies are not required to cover medical marijuana.

Where can I learn more?

Visit the NYSDOH website for more information on the Medical Marijuana Program in New York State.

Website:

www.health.ny.gov/regulations/medical_marijuana

If you have additional questions, please contact the Medical Marijuana Program at the NYSDOH:

Medical Marijuana Program
1-866-811-7957

Email:

mmp@health.ny.gov



Department
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The New York State Medical Marijuana Program :

Patient Information



The Medical Marijuana Program in New York State ensures that medical marijuana is available for certified patients with certain serious conditions.

The program also ensures that approved medical marijuana products are manufactured and dispensed in a manner that protects public health and safety.

Who qualifies for medical marijuana treatment?

The law makes patients eligible to use medical marijuana if they have been diagnosed with a specific severe, debilitating or life-threatening condition accompanied by an associated or complicating condition, as follows:

- Cancer
- HIV/AIDS
- Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)
- Parkinson's disease
- Multiple sclerosis
- Spinal cord nerve injury with intractable spasticity
- Epilepsy
- Inflammatory bowel disease
- Chronic pain*
- Neuropathy
- Huntington's disease

The associated or complicating conditions are: cachexia or wasting syndrome, severe or chronic pain, severe nausea, seizures or severe or persistent muscle spasms.

*Chronic Pain is defined as any severe debilitating pain that the practitioner determines degrades health and functional capability; where the patient has contraindications, has experienced intolerable side effects, or has experienced failure of one or more previously tried therapeutic options; and where there is documented medical evidence of such pain having lasted three months or more beyond onset, or the practitioner reasonably anticipates such pain to last three months or more beyond onset.

What is the process for getting medical marijuana?

1. Talk with your Health Care Provider

Talk with your health care provider to see if medical marijuana might help you. Your health care provider must certify you for the use of medical marijuana.

- Your health care provider may decide that medical marijuana is right for your qualifying condition. If so, your health care provider will give you a signed certification form. You need this form before you can apply for a registry ID card.
- If your health care provider is not registered with NYSDOH to certify you as a patient, he or she may give you the name of another health care provider who is registered.
- Patients may also access a list of registered practitioners by clicking on the “Looking for a Registered Practitioner?” button on the Medical Marijuana Program website’s home page: https://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/medical_marijuana/

***Health care providers:** You must register with NYSDOH in order to certify patients for the medical marijuana program. Learn more about registering: https://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/medical_marijuana/practitioner/

2. Apply for Registry ID Card

Once you have a signed certification form from your health care provider, you will be ready to register online.

- Sign in to <https://MY.NY.gov>, click the “Health Applications” icon, and then click the “Medical Marijuana Data Management System” link to register. If you do not have a NY.gov account, you will need to go to <https://MY.NY.gov> and click the “Don’t have an Account?” button to create a personal NY.gov account first.
- To register, you must give the following the information:
 - The certification number from the upper right-hand corner of the certification form your health care provider gave you.
 - Proof of identity and New York State residency. Information regarding acceptable proof can be found here: https://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/medical_marijuana/patients/registration_prerequisites.htm
 - If you are the parent or legal guardian of a patient under the age of 18, you must submit a copy of your government-issued ID and a copy of the patient’s birth certificate.
- During the registration process, you may designate up to two caregivers, who can get medical marijuana on your behalf. Caregivers must also register, after your registration is approved, with NYSDOH at <https://MY.NY.gov> (see above).
- If approved, NYSDOH will issue your registry ID card. If more information is needed, NYSDOH will contact you.

3. Visit a Medical Marijuana Dispensing Facility

Once you have your registry ID card, you will be able to visit a registered organization’s dispensing facility to purchase the medical marijuana your health care provider recommended.

- Bring your certification form and registry ID card with you.
- A list of dispensing facility locations and links to the registered organizations’ websites can be found here: https://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/medical_marijuana/application/selected_applicants.htm. Visit each registered organization’s website for details on their hours of operation and contact information.