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:

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The New York State Medical Marijuana Program

Practitioner Information

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

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

Do you have patients who may benefit from medical marijuana?

This brochure provides information on how practitioners qualify for the program, how to register with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and how to certify your patients.

Which practitioners are qualified to participate?

Practitioners interested in participating in the Medical Marijuana Program must meet the following criteria:

• Be a physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant licensed by, and in good standing with, New York State. Physician assistants must be under the supervision of a physician who is registered with the program.

• Be qualified to treat patients with one or more of the following severe, debilitating diseases: cancer, HIV/AIDS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injury with spasticity, epilepsy, inflammatory bowel disease, neuropathy, chronic pain*, post-traumatic stress disorder and Huntington's disease.

* 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 steps do I need to take before I can certify patients?

If you meet the qualifications and are interested in participating, you must take these steps:

1. Complete a NYSDOH-approved course – The current course providers are TheAnswerPage and The Medical Cannabis Institute.

• The following topics are covered in the courses: the pharmacology of marijuana, contraindications, side effects, adverse reactions, risks and benefits, warnings and precautions, and abuse and dependence.

• Additional information and links to the courses are available on the NYSDOH web page: https://www.health.ny.gov/mmp/

2. Register with the NYSDOH Medical Marijuana Program –

1. Log into the Health Commerce System, https://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/medical_marijuana/practitioner/

2. Select "All Applications" from the My Content dropdown menu,

3. Click the "M" tab, find the Medical Marijuana Data Management System (MMDMS) application in the list, and click the green and white "+" icon in the "Add/Remove" column to add the MMDMS application.

4. After selecting the MMDMS application, practitioners will be prompted to enter information required in order to complete the registration process.

Once registered, how do I certify patients?

Once you are registered, you can begin certifying patients. For each patient you certify, you must first:

• **Be qualified to treat the patient's serious condition;**

• **Determine whether the patient meets the requirements for certification** (see https://www.health.ny.gov/mmp/);

• **Have the patient under your continued care for their serious condition(s);**

• **Review past treatments and determine that the patient is likely to receive therapeutic or palliative benefit from medical marijuana; and**

• **Consult the Prescription Monitoring Program Registry.**

• **Access the Medical Marijuana Data Management System** electronically on the NYSDOH Health Commerce System (HCS) to certify patients. You will need to enter the following information:

• Patient's demographic information;

• At least one of the eligible severe debilitating or life-threatening condition(s), **AND** an accompanying condition or symptom; and

• Dosing recommendations for the patient.

• **Submit the certification, print and sign it and provide it to the patient.** A copy of the certification must be placed in the patient's medical record.