

NYS Medical Marijuana Program – Overview

What does the Medical Marijuana Program (MMP) do?

The MMP regulates the manufacture, sale and use of medical marijuana in NYS, making medical marijuana a treatment option for patients suffering from certain serious health conditions.

Who can use medical marijuana?

Patients can use medical marijuana if they have been diagnosed with a specific severe, debilitating or life-threatening condition accompanied by an associated or complicating condition, and if a registered health care provider certifies them for the program.

Severe conditions that qualify include:

- 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
- Opioid alternative for pain that degrades health and functional capability
- Neuropathy
- Huntington’s disease
- Post-traumatic stress disorder
- Substance use disorder

Patients must also have one of the following associated or complicating conditions:

- Cachexia or wasting syndrome
- Severe or chronic pain
- Severe nausea
- Seizures
- Severe or persistent muscle spasms

- Post-traumatic stress disorder;
- Opioid use disorder, but only if enrolled in a treatment program certified pursuant to Article 32 of the Mental Hygiene Law

What is the role of health care practitioners?

Practitioners may certify patients with one of the severe debilitating or life-threatening conditions, recommending the medical use of marijuana. To certify patients, practitioners must first take a NYS Department of Health (DOH) approved online course and then register with DOH.

Where can patients buy medical marijuana?

Before certified patients can buy medical marijuana, they must first register with DOH. Registered patients can buy medical marijuana products from dispensing facilities operated by Registered Organizations (RO) in New York State. Please visit www.health.ny.gov/mmp and click on “Registered Organizations” for more information.

What kinds of medical marijuana products can patients buy at dispensing facilities?

Some examples of products that are available are listed below. Patients can contact each RO to learn what products they have.

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| Vape Cartridge/Pen | Capsule |
| Tablets | Oil |
| Oral Spray | Oral Powder |

Smoking medical marijuana is not allowed. Edibles also are prohibited.

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