

Important Messages for Patients and Caregivers Who Are Registering

Please ensure you enter the information **EXACTLY** as it appears on your **PA driver's license or PennDOT-issued ID card**.

- Type in ALL CAPS when entering your information.
- Do not use spaces between the numbers in the driver's license or PennDOT-issued ID card number.
- Do not use punctuation such as periods or commas in your address.
- Example: your address is listed as 100 E MAIN ST on your driver's license – do not spell out EAST or STREET – must be exactly as it appears.

How to Get Medical Marijuana

Patients that want to participate in the medical marijuana program must follow these steps:

1. First, visit the [Patients and Caregivers Registry](#) and create a patient profile in the Department of Health's patient and caregiver registry.
2. Next, obtain a physician's certification that you suffer from one of the 17 serious medical conditions.
3. Then, return to the [Patient and Caregivers Registry](#) and pay for a medical marijuana ID card.
4. Obtain medical marijuana from an approved dispensary in Pennsylvania.

Caregivers that want to participate in the medical marijuana program must follow these steps:

1. First, visit the [Patients and Caregivers Registry](#) and create a caregiver profile in the Department of Health's patient and caregiver registry.
2. Next, complete a criminal background check.


3. Then, complete an 'authorization to designate a third-party caregiver' form, if necessary.
4. Ensure your patient has a patient certification.
5. Return to the [Patient and Caregivers Registry](#) and pay for a medical marijuana ID card.

See an [example of how to use the Patient and Caregivers Registry](#) (animation).

HOW PATIENTS CAN GET MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN PENNSYLVANIA


WHEN THE PROGRAM IS FULLY IMPLEMENTED

1




REGISTER for the Medical Marijuana Program at medicalmarijuana.pa.gov.

2




OBTAIN a physician's certification that you suffer from one of the 17 serious medical conditions.

3



COMPLETE registration by paying for a medical marijuana ID card.

4



VISIT a dispensary in Pennsylvania to obtain medical marijuana.

[Download a postcard explaining how patients can get medical marijuana in Pennsylvania](#) (PDF).

Watch this instructional video from Lolly Bentch, patient liaison for the Pennsylvania Medical Marijuana program, on how to register as a patient or caregiver.

Safe Harbor

The Pennsylvania Safe Harbor Letter is available to parents, legal guardians, caregivers and spouses of a minor under the age of 18 who suffers from one of the [17 serious medical conditions](#) defined in the Medical Marijuana Act.

Applying for Safe Harbor

Prior to beginning the Safe Harbor Letter application process, please make sure you have all of the required documents and information necessary to submit your application. All applicants will need:

- Completed electronic copy of the [Safe Harbor Physician form](#) (PDF).
- Completed electronic copy of [Pennsylvania background check \(instructions, PDF\)](#).
- Legal guardians will need an electronic copy of their guardianship papers.
- Caregivers will need an electronic copy of their [caregiver status](#) (PDF).
- Spouses will need an electronic copy of their marriage certificate.

Resources for Patients and Caregivers

Watch this overview of the Medical Marijuana Program, which was signed into law on April 17, 2016 and is currently being implemented.

- [Patient and Caregiver Registry](#)
- [Approved Practitioners](#) (PDF)
- [Information for Patients Brochure](#) (PDF)
- [Safe Harbor Letter Application](#)
- [Letter to Doctors](#) (PDF)
- [Draft Temporary Guidelines for the Safe Harbor Letter](#)
- [Department of Health Announces Completion of Temporary Guidelines for Safe Harbor Provision of Pennsylvania's Medical Marijuana Program](#)
- [Chapter 1191. PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS](#)
- [Chapter 1131. SAFE HARBOR LETTER](#)

- Chapter 1141. GENERAL PROVISIONS