



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH MARIJUANA PROGRAMS

House Commerce & Gaming Committee
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Department of Health

- Health Systems
 - Medical Marijuana
- Environmental Public Health
 - Food Safety
 - Contaminants and toxics exposure
- Prevention
 - Marijuana Prevention & Education Program

What is the Medical Marijuana Program

- Provides access to compliant products
- Maintains a database of authorized patients
- Regulates marijuana consultants



Compliant Product

- Department of Health (DOH) rules for compliant product are in addition to standards enacted by the Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB)
- Three categories (General Use, High THC and High CBD)
- Only cardholders have access to purchase High THC products
- Requires testing for prohibited pesticides and heavy metals



Any marijuana product approved by the WSLCB and meeting the requirements of this chapter including edible marijuana-infused products and marijuana products with CBD/THC ratios that do not qualify as "high CBD compliant products".



Any marijuana product, except usable marijuana or other plant material intended for smoking, allowed by the WSLCB, including edibles.

Lower THC concentration and five times more CBD concentration.



High THC products are marijuana products containing more than 10 mg but not more than 50 mg of active THC per serving or Application.

Only the following types of marijuana products qualify for High THC classification: capsules, tablets, tinctures, transdermal patches, and suppositories.

Medical Marijuana Consultant

- A consultant is not a health care provider
- Upon completion of a 20-hour training course, a consultant is certified by the DOH to:
 - Create and issue recognition cards
 - Assist with product selection
 - Provide instructions on proper use and safe handling and storage of product

Medical Marijuana Authorization Form

This authorization does not provide protection from arrest unless the qualifying patient or designated provider is also entered in the medical marijuana authorization database and holds a recognition card.

Patient Information and Attestation

Full Legal Name: _____ City: _____ State: WA Zip: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Street Address: _____

I hereby attest that I have a debilitating medical condition that is severe enough to significantly interfere with the patient's function, and can be objectively assessed and evaluated (check all that apply):

Alzheimer's Disease
 Parkinson's Disease
 Huntington's Disease
 Hepatitis C
 Multiple Sclerosis
 Traumatic Brain Injury
 Epilepsy or Other Seizure Disorder
 HIV
 Posttraumatic Stress Disorder
 Chronic Renal Failure Requiring Hemodialysis
 Glaucoma
 Intractable Pain
 Spasticity Disorder

I further attest that I have performed an in-person examination of the above named patient and assessed his or her medical history and medical condition. I have advised this patient about the potential risks and benefits of the medical use of marijuana. It is my professional opinion that this patient may benefit from the medical use of marijuana.

Healthcare Practitioner Signature: _____ Issue Date: _____
Healthcare Practitioner Information: _____ City: _____
Name of Healthcare Practitioner: _____ Office Address: _____ Phone Number: _____
Healthcare Practitioner Expiration Date: (Maximum from issue date of six months for minors and one year for adults) _____

Additional Plant Authorization (Optional)

This provision is valid only if the person is entered into the authorization database and possesses a recognition card. A second signature is required if authorizing additional plants. Authorization must not exceed 15 plants.

Healthcare Practitioner Attestation: In my professional opinion, the medical needs of this patient exceed the presumptive number of plants allowed by law of 4 plants with just an authorization form or 6 plants if entered in the database. I recommend this patient or their designated provider be allowed to grow in his or her domicile up to _____ plants for the patient's personal use.

Healthcare Practitioner Signature: (second signature only required if recommending additional plants)

Medical Marijuana Program | www.doh.wa.gov/medicalmarijuana

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Authorization and Participation

Authorizing Practitioners

- Physicians
- Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners
- Physician Assistants
- Osteopathic Physicians
- Osteopathic Physician Assistants
- Naturopaths

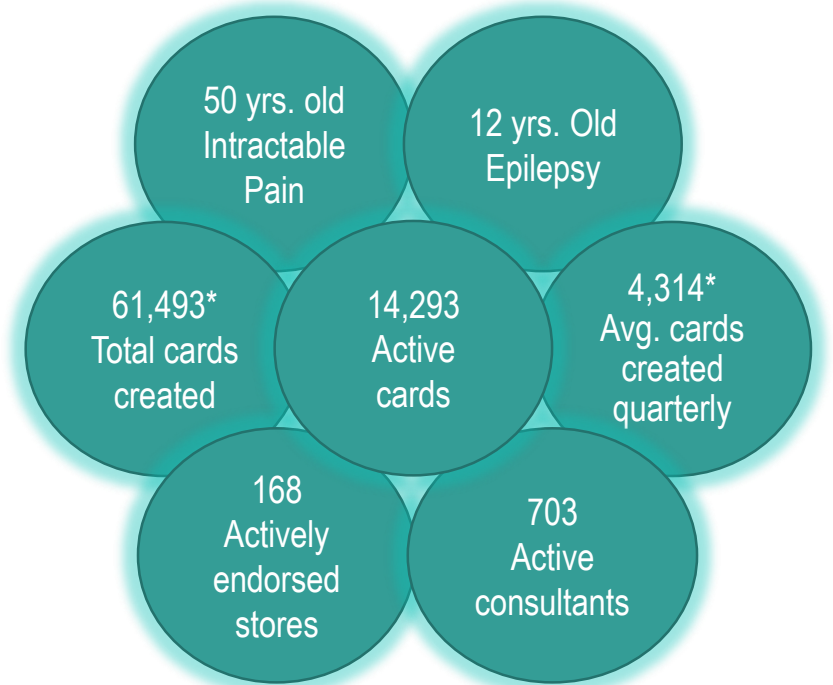
Patient Requirements

- Must be a Washington Resident
- Minors and their designated providers require registration
- Voluntary registration for adults



Patient Statistics

- Over 18 – Average age is 50 years old with the most common authorization being intractable pain
- Under 18 – Average age is 12 with the most common authorization being epilepsy
- 14,293 active cardholders



*Total cards created are not representative of total ACTIVE cardholding patients. The numbers listed represent initial cards and cards that were replaced, renewed, corrected or revoked.

Authorizing Healthcare Practitioners

Table 1. Authorizations by License Type (2017)

Healthcare Practitioner License Type	Total Number of Active Licenses (as of 5/1/2017)	Number of Authorizers by License Type
ARNP	3,655	122
DO	1,972	44
MD	28,160	648
NT	1,387	219
DOA	84	*
PA	3,578	43

*Indicates less than 20 authorizers for this license type

Reporting Period: January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

Food Safety

- The state provides the safety standards for food served or sold to the public in Washington State (WAC 246-215)
- Local health jurisdiction food safety staff are implement the food code



Health Concerns

- No federal regulatory oversight of CBD
 - Impacts interstate commerce of CBD
 - So no verification the CBD infused product or CBD additive has been made safely
- Health Impacts
 - Safe dosage levels
 - Therapeutics claims
 - Sufficient testing and ingredient transparency



Moving Forward

- DOH is collaborating with LCB, other partner agencies, and stakeholders on ways to improve:
 - product regulations to increase patient access to safe product
 - consultant certification training by increasing understanding and clarifying the scope of practice
 - practice guidelines by coordinating a workgroup to update authorization rules
- Implementing House Bill 1094 – Compassionate Care Renewals



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