

UTAH MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAM JULY 2021 UPDATE

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PROGRAM UPDATES

PHARMACY RFP

The Utah Department of Health tentatively plans on posting the Request for Proposals (RFP) to be the 15th Medical Cannabis Pharmacy in Utah by the end of August 2021. The location of this pharmacy will be Daggett, Duchesne, Uintah, Carbon, Sevier, Emery, Grand, or San Juan County. Utah Code 26-61a-301 (5) states that the department may give consideration to an applicant based on the applicant's holding of a license to operate a cultivation facility if the applicant demonstrates that a decrease in costs to patients is more likely to result from the applicant's vertical integration than from a more competitive marketplace. If the department gives this consideration, the department must find multiple other factors, in addition to the existing cultivation license, that support granting the new medical cannabis pharmacy license. The application fee will be \$2,500.

CUB PROCESS

The Compassionate Use Board (CUB) petition will be changing from a PDF version to a REDCap web-hosted form. This form will go live on **August 2, 2021**. An email invitation to complete the form will be sent to the QMP from cubcmc@utah.gov and a link to the online form will also be available on the CUB website.

The online form will allow the QMP to submit all the necessary information including treatment records and remove the need to print and complete the form. Medical records may still be uploaded to the Electronic Verification System. We will continue to accept the PDF version until **September 1, 2021**. After that date any PDF CUB petitions received will not be accepted. Please contact us at cubcmc@utah.gov with any questions.

STATUTE AND RULE CLARIFICATIONS

TELEMEDICINE

PROVIDERS: The Utah Department of Health reminds medical providers that patients must be seen in-person for a face-to-face evaluation prior to a medical provider issuing a recommendation for medical cannabis use. Utah law states that to recommend medical cannabis treatment to a patient, a qualified medical provider (QMP) must consider the recommendation in light of the patient's qualifying condition and history of medical cannabis and controlled substance use during an initial face-to-face visit with the patient. A telehealth visit with a patient may be appropriate for subsequent visits but a QMP should not recommend a patient for a medical cannabis card without first meeting face-to-face with the patient. See Utah Code 26-61a-201 (4).

PUBLIC NOTICES

CPB MEETING

The Cannabinoid Product Board meets August 10, 2021 at 9 a.m. MST via online conference. Zoom Web Access: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88435239083> Meeting ID: 884 3523 9083

Misty Smith, Ph.D. will be presenting a brief review of the evidence regarding cannabinoids for epilepsy patients. Misty is a Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at the University of Utah. She is also a Research Assistant Professor in the Oral Biology, Medicine, and Pathology Section of the School of Dentistry at the University of Utah.

Cannabinoid Product Board Minutes and Recordings are available [via this link](#).

EVS AND ICS ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVS GUIDANCE

PROVIDERS: A patient is eligible for a 1 year renewal period if 365 days have passed since the patient's card was first activated. A QMP can designate this in their certification by clicking "Yes" to the statement "Patient's condition has been stable with cannabis treatment for greater than one year. I would like my patient to be able to renew on an annual basis rather than every six months."

We have noticed that this option isn't always displaying properly for all patients, particularly those who have a suffix such as "Jr" or "Sr" in their profiles.

If your patient is eligible for a one year renewal and you do not see this statement in the certification please enter the certification normally and email qmpcmc@utah.gov. We can then update the certification if applicable. If you receive an error message that will not allow you to proceed, please email qmpcmc@utah.gov. In your email please include the patient's name and date of birth.

PROVIDERS AND PATIENTS: A Non-Utah Resident can now apply for a temporary card in EVS. This registration does not require a QMP's certification. If a patient with a temporary card moves to Utah they can use their same application to register as a Utah Resident. They will modify their Registration Type to "Utah Resident."

If a patient accidentally registers as a Non-Utah Resident they will need to click "Cancel My Registration" and modify the Registration Type to "Utah Resident." This will reset the registration and allow a QMP to enter their certification.

Table 1. Patient Cardholders by County of Residence

County	Number of patient cardholders as of July 12, 2021
Beaver	43
Box Elder	660
Cache	1490
Carbon	205
Daggett	7
Davis	3815
Duchesne	115
Emery	63
Garfield	15
Grand	35
Iron	275
Juab	83
Kane	18
Millard	70
Morgan	86
Piute	4
Rich	22
Salt Lake	13426
San Juan	22
Sanpete	171
Sevier	85
Summit	564
Tooele	562
Uintah	256
Utah	5626
Wasatch	295
Washington	939
Wayne	5
Weber	3928
Unknown	86
Total Active Patient Cardholders	32,971

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