

UTAH MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAM AUGUST 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 September 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 has changed from a PDF version to a REDCap web-hosted form. This form is now live. An email invitation to complete the form will be sent to the QMP from cubcmc@utah.gov and a link to the online form is also 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 PDF CUB petitions received will not be accepted.

Please note that the patient will still need to complete an online application in the EVS system and the QMP will still need to enter a certification into EVS as well.

Please contact us at cubcmc@utah.gov with any questions.

STATUTE AND RULE CLARIFICATIONS

TERMINAL ILLNESS CLASSIFICATION

PROVIDERS: For a qualified medical provider to certify a patient's qualifying condition as "terminal illness", the patient must have a life expectancy of six months or less. When a patient has a life expectancy of six months or more, the provider should never list "terminal illness" as the patient's qualifying condition. See Utah Code 26-61a-104 (2)(l).

PUBLIC NOTICES

CPB MEETING

CPB Meeting:

The Cannabinoid Product Board meets Tuesday September 14, 2021 at 9:00am MST via online conference. Zoom Web Access: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83222618793> meeting ID: 832 2261 8793.

Daniel W. Odell, MD will be presenting on Cancer Pain Syndromes. Dr. Odell received a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical engineering at Utah State University. He received his medical degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin. He completed residency in the field of anesthesiology at the University of Utah followed by fellowship training in Pain Medicine. Dr. Odell is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology, he practices anesthesia and pain management at both the University of Utah and Huntsman Cancer Hospital. Specific areas of interest include advanced cancer pain management, intrathecal drug delivery systems, spinal cord stimulation, and the role of cannabis products in pain management.

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

EVS AND ICS ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVS GUIDANCE

PATIENTS: The renewal process can begin in EVS within 30 days of the current card's expiration date. After completing the renewal process the application status will change to "renewal completed". You will not receive your new card until the day after your current card expires. The card will be emailed to you on that day. You can also access the card from your EVS application on that day. You can find step by step instructions for renewing [here](#).

PATIENTS: Some patients have been given an option for a clinic or third party to help them complete their initial and/or renewal applications for a fee. Please note that the system can be navigated by patients themselves and our office is always able to help you with the process free of charge. You can find information on how to apply and renew on our website: medicalcannabis.utah.gov/patients/. You can contact us at medicalcannabis@utah.gov or (801)538-6504.

Table 1. Patient Cardholders by County of Residence

County	Number of patient cardholders as of August 17, 2021
Beaver	55
Box Elder	704
Cache	1511
Carbon	230
Daggett	8
Davis	3932
Duchesne	128
Emery	69
Garfield	18
Grand	37
Iron	346
Juab	91
Kane	17
Millard	78
Morgan	93
Piute	7
Rich	23
Salt Lake	14268
San Juan	22
Sanpete	182
Sevier	87
Summit	599
Tooele	615
Uintah	266
Utah	6075
Wasatch	311
Washington	1130
Wayne	4
Weber	4053
Unknown	94
Total Active Patient Cardholders	35,053

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