

UTAH MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAM SEPTEMBER 2021 UPDATE

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PROGRAM UPDATES

PHARMACY RFP

The Utah Department of Health announced that the application period for rural medical cannabis pharmacy license applications is now open and will remain open until Tuesday, October 19, 2021. The department plans to announce the winning applicant on or before Monday, November 15, 2021.

Applicants will compete for one rural medical cannabis pharmacy license that must be issued to a location in one of eight rural counties: Daggett, Duchesne, Uintah, Carbon, Sevier, Emery, Grand, or San Juan.

Applicants may visit the Utah Division of Purchasing's vendor [website](#) to search for and view the application (search for RS22-15). Applicants may need to create a vendor account to view the application requirements.

Please direct all questions relating to the RFP to the Utah Division of Purchasing at rstraw@utah.gov. All other questions may be directed to the Center for Medical Cannabis at medicalcannabis@utah.gov.

CUB PROCESS

The Compassionate Use Board (CUB) petition has changed from a PDF version to a REDCap web-hosted form. 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. **PDF CUB petitions received will not be accepted.** Please contact us at cubcmc@utah.gov with any questions.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CPB MEETING

The Cannabinoid Product Board meets October 12, 2021 at 9 a.m. 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

PROVIDERS AND PATIENTS: This year the Utah Legislature made some changes to the Utah Medical Cannabis Act which required updates to be made to the Electronic Verification System (EVS). These changes included new functions such as the limited medical provider (LMP) designation which will enable any MD, DO, APRN, or PA to recommend medical cannabis to up to 15 qualifying patients; extending the first medical cannabis card renewal time frame from 60 days to six months; requiring that the Department of Health, in coordination with the Office of the State Auditor, post QMP prices online; and incorporating medical cannabis cardholder and product purchase information into the controlled substance database. It was proposed that some of these changes would be in effect as earlier as this fall; however, the software updates needed to implement these changes are not completed yet. The department anticipates that some of these updates will be implemented by the end of this year.

STATISTICAL UPDATE

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The Center for Medical Cannabis has released a statistical update. You can find the update [here](#).

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