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PROGRAM UPDATES

LMP PROCESS IS LAUNCHED

The Limited Medical Provider (LMP) Program launched on Wednesday, January 19th! In 2021 the Utah Legislature passed a law increasing the number of clinicians available to recommend medical cannabis. The Utah Medical Cannabis Act (26-61a) classified a Limited Medical Provider (LMP) as any Utah-licensed MD, DO, APRN, PA or DPM with a controlled substance license. An LMP may recommend medical cannabis to up to 15 patients with qualifying conditions at one time. The LMP recommendation process is now established and ready for providers.

The Center for Medical Cannabis (CMC) will hold education sessions regarding the LMP recommendation process for medical providers and their staff. One-hour educational sessions on how to recommend as an LMP will be held **Thursday, February 3rd** at 7am, 12pm, and 6pm. [Register today](#) for this virtual session. We will also record it for viewing and post on our website by February 10, 2022

The CMC created a Medical Cannabis Limited Medical Provider Guide and a Medical Cannabis Patient Guide to help providers and patients learn more about this new part of the program. More information on the Limited Medical Provider program may be found on our website [here](#).

NEW QMP PRICE COMPARISON TOOL FOR PATIENTS

The CMC and the Office of the State Auditor have launched a new tool available to patients! It will help patients compare prices charged by qualified medical providers (QMPs) for initial and renewal medical cannabis evaluation visits. In 2021 the Utah Legislature passed a law that required QMPs to report the fees they charge to patients for medical cannabis evaluation and recommendation visits. Only QMPs and medical clinics who represent online or on printed material that they offer medical cannabis evaluations were required to respond to the survey and report their fees.

The fees are now posted as a health care cost transparency tool ([Utah Health Cost Compare | Cannabis Search](#)). The fees posted are estimates and patients who use insurance should always contact the clinic to confirm what their out of pocket will be. If you notice a price posted on the website is significantly different than the price actually charged by a clinic, please submit a Utah Department of Health Medical Cannabis [Complaint Form](#) using the name of the QMP with whom you met.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CANNABINOID PRODUCT BOARD MEETING

The Cannabinoid Product Board will meet February 9, 2022, at 9 a.m. MST via online conference. Zoom Web Access: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83222618793>. Meeting ID: 832 2261 8793.

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

UTAH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The General Session of the Utah Legislature began on January 18, 2022, and it will end on March 4, 2022. There will likely be multiple bills considered that will impact the state's medical cannabis industry.

You can find more information at le.utah.gov.

EVS AND ICS ANNOUNCEMENTS

SIX MONTH INITIAL PATIENT CARD

PROVIDERS AND PATIENTS: Beginning January 3, 2022, initial medical cannabis patient cards will be issued with an expiration date of six months instead of three months. All renewals for these new six-month cards will cost \$15. Patients who apply for the first renewal of their medical cannabis patient card prior to April 30, 2022, will still pay the \$5 currently charged for the first renewal.

STATISTICAL UPDATE

QUARTERLY REPORT

The Center for Medical Cannabis released A 2021 Fourth Quarter Report. The report can be accessed [here](#).

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