



October 2022 monthly update

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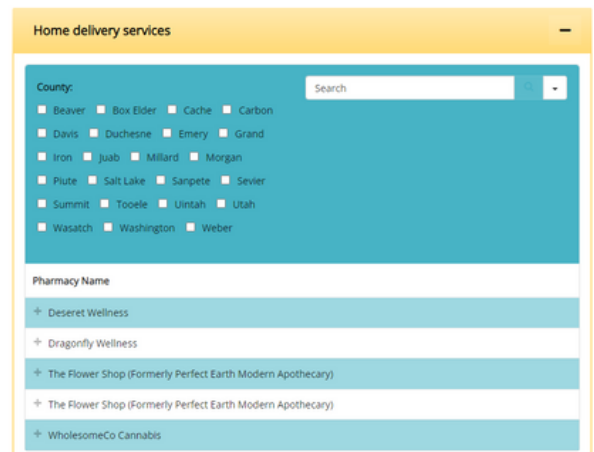
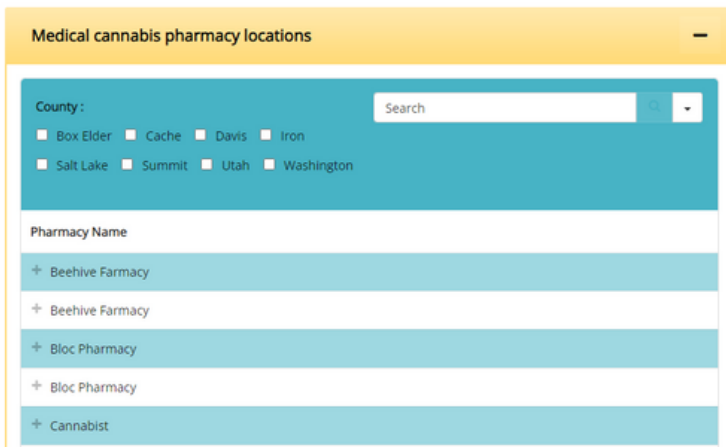
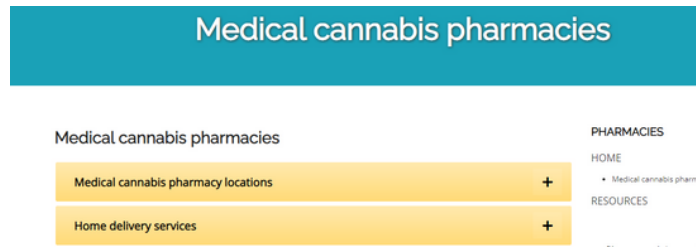
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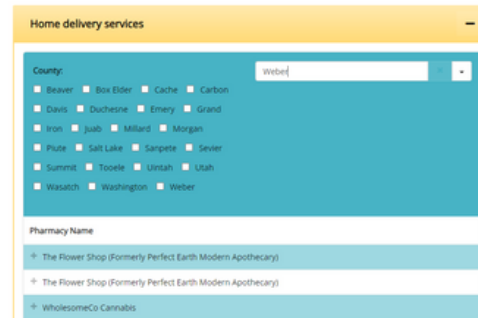
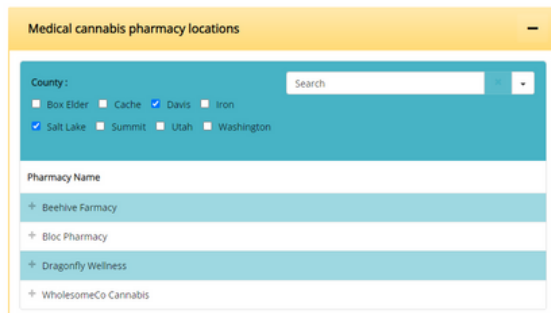
Medical cannabis pharmacy locations and home delivery options on DHHS Center for Medical Cannabis website

We have heard concerns from medical cannabis patients and providers that it can be difficult to find medical cannabis pharmacies and home delivery options on the DHHS Center for Medical Cannabis website. To address this, we have updated our medical cannabis pharmacy directory.

- **Check out the new medical cannabis pharmacy directory at <https://medicalcannabis.utah.gov/pharmacies/>**
- The medical cannabis pharmacies page has 2 drop-down menus: 1 for medical cannabis pharmacy locations and 1 for home delivery services.



- Use the checkboxes in each table to choose the county you live in or search for your county using the search bar.
- You can search multiple counties by checking the box of each county you want to search for.
- You can then see which medical cannabis pharmacies are in your county or offer home delivery to your county.



- When you click on the medical cannabis pharmacy name, it will open additional information, including its address, website, phone number, and email address.
- In the home delivery section, additional information about the medical cannabis pharmacy will include if home delivery is available for the entire county or only for specific cities in the county.



DHHS Center for Medical Cannabis patient experience and evaluation proposals request awarded

The DHHS Center for Medical Cannabis patient experience evaluation proposal request has been scored and awarded.

- The solicitation stated the contract award would go to the vendor with the highest score.
- Based upon the justifications and scores outlined on the Utah Public Procurement site.
- The conducting procurement unit, DHHS, and the evaluation committee recommend an award to the University of Utah for solicitation NE22-88 CMC Evaluation.
- Utah Public Procurement Access: <https://purchasing.utah.gov/for-vendors/>

Upcoming DHHS medical cannabis presentations

We want all recommending medical providers to feel confident that they have the current knowledge about medical cannabis. To do this, we are providing outreach presentations to medical providers at professional events and webinars. Our next upcoming DHHS medical cannabis presentation will be:

- Utah Association of Family Physicians webinar, November 19th - <https://utahafp.org/utah-academy-of-family-physicians/events/>

Utah Subsidy Program by the Utah Patients Coalition

Medical cannabis patients have help available if they are experiencing difficulties paying for medical cannabis. The Utah Patients Coalition has a Utah Subsidy Program that assists with many costs associated with medical cannabis.

- This program can subsidize the following costs:
 - Medical consultations and doctor visits.
 - Medical cannabis products and devices.
 - DHHS electronic verification system (EVS) fees.
 - Cannabis home delivery costs.
- In order to qualify, you must provide:
 - Proof of Utah residency.
 - Proof of financial eligibility.
 - Proof of a qualifying medical condition for medical cannabis.
 - Proof of registration or intent to register as a cardholder with the DHHS Center for Medical Cannabis.
- **Learn more about the Utah Patients Coalition Utah Subsidy Program at <https://utahpatients.org/upsp/>.**



A variety of medical cannabis dosage forms, including tablets and tinctures, on a desk with a stethoscope

Don't forget about the Limited Medical Provider (LMP) program

Healthcare providers don't have to become qualified medical providers (QMPs) to recommend medical cannabis for their patients. The LMP program was created to improve access of cannabis-recommending providers for patients.

- To use the LMP program, a medical provider must be a Utah-licensed MD, DO, APRN, PA, or DPM with a license to prescribe a controlled substance.
- LMPs may provide medical cannabis recommendations for up to 15 qualifying patients who are age 21 or older.
- **Learn more about the LMP program at <https://medicalcannabis.utah.gov/providers/lmp/>.**



The state of Utah Medical Cannabis Visit Cost website

Medical cannabis patients should be able to know the cost of their medical visits and have the opportunity to find the right care for them at a reasonable price. That's why we recently updated the Medical Cannabis Visit Cost website at <https://healthcost.utah.gov/cannabis.php>. This website helps patients compare prices charged by qualified medical providers (QMPs) for initial and renewal medical cannabis evaluation visits. Here's what you need to know about the site:

- QMPs and medical clinics are required to report their fees if they represent online or in printed materials that they offer medical cannabis evaluations.
- The fees posted are estimates, and patients who use insurance should always contact the clinic to confirm what their out-of-pocket costs will be.
- **Are there incorrect prices listed?** If you notice a price posted on the website is significantly different than the price actually charged by a clinic, you can submit a DHHS Medical Cannabis Complaint Form at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/18WADX-E3jNfs_xA9x8Hvz7VybeFbu4rhfjLJ83III/viewform?ts=61aa7458&edit_requested=true. You'll need to provide the name of the QMP with whom you met and the name and address of the clinic where you met with them.

Research and data

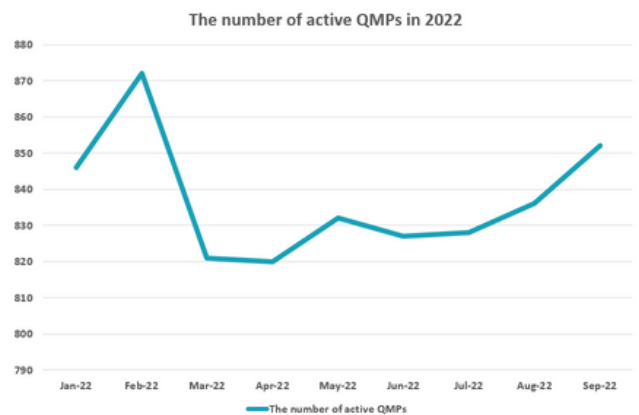
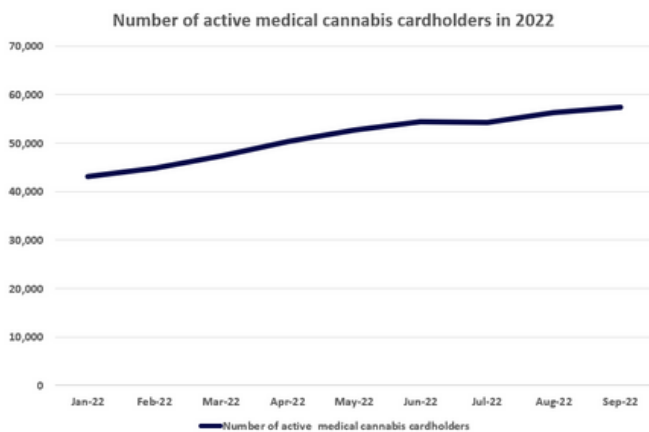
DHHS data reporting

In September:

- The number of active medical cannabis cardholders increased by 2%.
- 25 new QMPs joined the program.

Review full data reports at

<https://medicalcannabis.utah.gov/resources/reporting/>



UDAF data reporting

The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) has experienced growth in the number of its production establishments. The total number of production establishments are as follows:

- 8 cultivation licensees
- 1 independent testing lab licensee
- 2 tier-two processing licensees
- 12 tier-one processing licensees



A gloved hand holding cannabis leaves

Public notices

DHHS market analysis input meeting

We are holding a medical cannabis market analysis meeting on October 25th from 4:00pm to 5:00pm MT. This meeting will share additional information about the medical cannabis market analysis that DHHS is starting to complete. Public comments and feedback about the analysis will be heard.

- The meeting is a hybrid meeting, meaning that it can be joined in-person or virtually.
- The in-person meeting location is:

195 N 1950 W,
Room 2026
Salt Lake City, UT, 84116

- The virtual meeting link is:
 - <https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/5255673629> Meeting ID: 525 567 3629
- **You can review the agenda, meeting location, and virtual meeting link at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/sitemap/notice/784387.html>**

Cannabis Research Review Board (CRRB) meetings

The CRRB reviews cannabis research and provides recommendations to the Utah State Legislature and DHHS Center for Medical Cannabis about cannabis use, medical conditions that respond to cannabis, medical cannabis products, and medical cannabis dosages.

- The next CRRB meeting is:
 - November 8, 2022 at 9:00am MT via online conference
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83222618793> Meeting ID: 832 2261 8793
- To review information about the last meetings on September 13 and October 11, please review the Utah Public Meeting Notice website at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/index.html>.

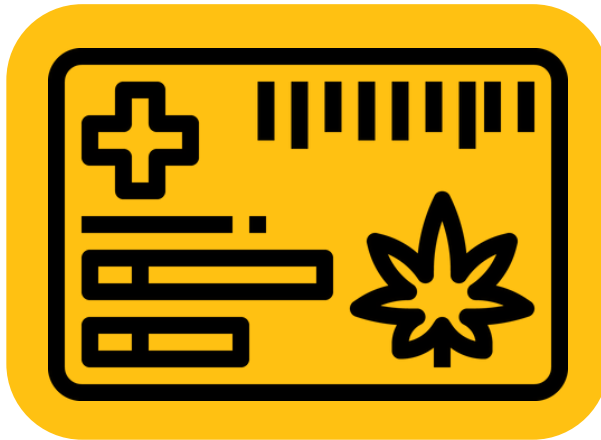
Cannabis Research Review Board meetings and recordings are available at <https://medicalcannabis.utah.gov/resources/cannabinoid-product-board/>

Utah Legislature Medical Cannabis Governance Structure Working Group

The Utah State legislature is evaluating and making recommendations about how Utah's medical cannabis program is regulated.

- Meetings for the working group are public and may be attended either in-person or virtually.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 17 at 2:00 p.m. MT.
- **For more information about workgroup meetings and to receive notifications and handouts about this workgroup, review**

<https://le.utah.gov/committee/committee.jsp?year=2022&com=SPEMCG>.



Medical cannabis pharmacy opening in rural Utah

We are excited that a new medical cannabis pharmacy is opening in rural Utah later this year! The new pharmacy will be located in Price. More information about the opening of this pharmacy will be provided at a later date.

Sign up for future updates from the DHHS Center for Medical Cannabis at
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdAufQpjUVEvABe5CeHSfj9pYzGCf1t5LgvXXiDvACqAJovYg/viewform>