



# July 2023 monthly update

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## Program updates

### Monthly update newsletters moving to quarterly update newsletters

Thank you to all of our stakeholders who subscribe and read these monthly updates!

#### We are moving this newsletter to quarterly updates.

- The next newsletter will be released in October.
- Sometimes, we may send out a separate email to stakeholders with important news that can't wait until the next newsletter.

In between our newsletters, you can keep up with us by using these resources:

- Subscribe to public meeting updates for the Medical Cannabis Policy Advisory Board, the Cannabis Research Review Board, and the Center for Medical Cannabis on the Utah Public Notice website at <https://www.utah.gov/pmnl/> so that you don't miss any of our public meetings.
- You can look at our monthly data reports on the program data section of our website at <https://medicalcannabis.utah.gov/resources/program-data/>.
- You can look at the published medical cannabis education materials by going to the resource library section of our website at <https://medicalcannabis.utah.gov/resources/resource-library/>.
- Visit our website at <https://medicalcannabis.utah.gov/> for more resources, like how to access the EVS, frequently asked questions, and a link to the medical cannabis cost visit website.

### New Compassionate Use Board (CUB) petition

The CUB petition was recently updated to reflect new law changes and streamline the process. As QMPs and patients complete the EVS application a link to the new petition will be emailed to the QMP.

- The petition is still completed through a REDCap survey.
- QMPs do not need to resubmit petitions that are currently pending.

Contact [cubcmc@utah.gov](mailto:cubcmc@utah.gov) if you have any questions about the new CUB petition.



A doctor with a stethoscope holding a container that says "Medical Cannabis".

## Medical cannabis card 1 year renewal period

During the 2023 legislative session, medical cannabis laws changed to make the renewal period for medical cannabis cards 1 year. The electronic verification system (EVS) automatically follows this new law. However, medical providers can shorten the patient's medical cannabis card renewal period to 3 or 6 months, if needed.

- If an LMP wants the patient's medical cannabis card to have a shorter renewal period, they can mark this on the LMP medical cannabis recommendation form available at <https://medicalcannabis.utah.gov/providers/lmp/>.
- If a QMP wants the patient's medical cannabis card to have a shorter renewal period, they can select this in a drop-down menu when submitting the medical cannabis certification in the EVS.
- Email [qmpcmc@utah.gov](mailto:qmpcmc@utah.gov) if you have any questions about renewal periods in the EVS.

Click 'Yes' to issue your patient's medical cannabis card for a 1 year period. Otherwise, select 'No' to choose a shorter expiration date. To issue the card for a period not displayed, please contact the department at [medicalcannabis@utah.gov](mailto:medicalcannabis@utah.gov)

Yes  No

Period of the Card: 6 Months \*

QMP PIN: \*

Certification Status: 3 Months, 6 Months

Save

A screenshot of the EVS showing how a QMP can choose a shorter medical cannabis card renewal period for a patient.

## Medical cannabis pharmacies will be managed by the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) starting July 8, 2023

During the 2023 Legislative Session, HB72 was passed. HB72 makes it so that UDAF will take over most regulatory authority over medical cannabis pharmacies. Here's what this means for you:

- For patients and medical providers, nothing will change. You will still use the EVS to submit and manage your medical cannabis recommendations.
- For medical cannabis pharmacists, nothing will change. DHHS will still oversee all medical providers, which includes you. DHHS will oversee your continuing education and your medical cannabis pharmacist registration.
- For medical cannabis pharmacy agents, UDAF will start overseeing compliance visits, continuing education, and your medical cannabis pharmacy agent or courier registration. If you have questions or concerns, you can reach out to UDAF at [cannabis@utah.gov](mailto:cannabis@utah.gov).

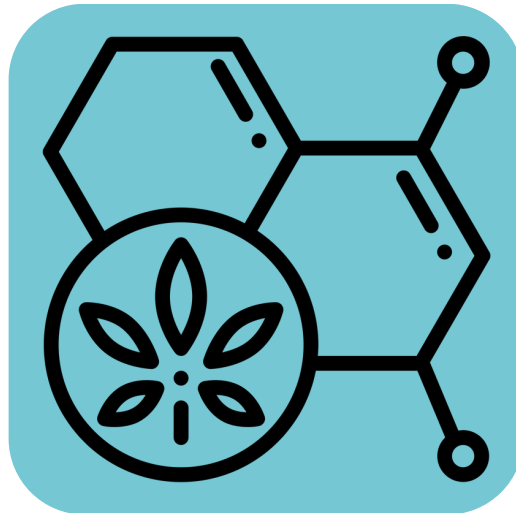
## Upcoming meetings

### Cannabis Research Review Board (CRRB) meetings

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

- **For the meeting dates/times, virtual meeting links, or to see information about past meetings, visit the Utah Public Meeting Notice website at <https://www.utah.gov/pmnsitemap/notice/830495.html>**

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



### Medical cannabis policy advisory board meetings

The medical cannabis policy advisory board was created during the 2023 legislative session. This board discusses medical cannabis policy issues and makes recommendations to DHHS, UDAF, and state lawmakers.

- **The first board meeting is on July 18, 2023 at 2 p.m. MT**
- The agenda will include discussing rule changes about product labeling, establishing board bylaws, and voting for a board chair and vice-chair.
- Board meetings are open to the public and can be joined virtually or in person.
- **To see information about the board, including meeting dates and times, agendas and handouts, and to subscribe for information about future meetings, visit the Utah Public Meeting Notice website at <https://www.utah.gov/pmnsitemap/publicbody/8241.html>**

## 2023 Medical Cannabis Governance Structure Working Group

The Utah Legislature's Medical Cannabis Governance Structure Working Group is meeting this summer.

- The working group's meetings are:
  - August 7, 2023, at 4:00 pm MT
  - October 10, 2023, at 4:00 pm MT
- These meetings are open to the public, and can be attended in-person or virtually.
- **To subscribe to notifications for these meetings and to see the agenda and other meeting information, visit the Utah Legislature's website at <https://le.utah.gov/committee/committee.jsp?year=2023&com=SPEMCG>**

## Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) Cannabis Production Establishment Licensing Advisory Board meetings

The UDAF Cannabis Production Establishment Licensing Advisory Board reviews cannabis cultivation and production license applications and renewals. They also review requests such as ownership changes, location changes, and production changes, among others.

- The next UDAF Cannabis Establishment Licensing Boards meetings are:
  - June 15, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. MT
  - August 9, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. MT
  - October 10, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. MT
  - December 5, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. MT
  - Meetings can be attended in person or virtually.
- **For in-person meeting locations, virtual meeting links, or to see information about past meetings, visit the Utah Public Meeting Notice website at <https://www.utah.gov/pmnsitemap/notice/837119.html>.**



# Medical cannabis education

Have you ever had questions about the Utah medical cannabis laws? We're here to help! Over the next few months, our medical cannabis education is going to focus on the different parts of the Utah medical cannabis laws.



**How much medical cannabis can I buy?**

Every 30 days, you can buy up to the amount that your medical provider wrote in your medical cannabis recommendation.

You can spread out how much you buy throughout the month.

The maximum amount of cannabis that anyone can buy every 30 days is

- 113 grams (g) of unprocessed flower
- 20 g of THC in all other cannabis types, like gummies, vape cartridges, tinctures, etc.

When buying medical cannabis, there is a limit to the amount you can buy each month. The law says that the maximum amount that anyone can buy every 30 days is 113 grams (g) of unprocessed flower or 20 g of THC in all other cannabis types, like gummies or vape cartridges.

If your medical provider writes dosing guidelines in your recommendation that are less than the maximum listed in the law, then you will be limited to the amount that is written in your recommendation. If they write dosing guidelines that are more than the maximum in the law, then you are limited to the maximum amount that is written in the law. Take a look at these examples:

- If your medical provider wrote dosing guidelines for 0.5 g of cannabis every day, then you could buy 15 g of cannabis each month.
- If your medical provider wrote dosing guidelines for 7 g of cannabis every day, you could buy the monthly maximum of cannabis each month, since what your provider wrote is more than the maximum written in the law.

Remember, you don't have to buy all of your monthly cannabis at one time; you can spread out how much you buy throughout the month and buy at different pharmacies, too.

Have questions about medical cannabis laws in Utah? Email [medicalcannabis@utah.gov](mailto:medicalcannabis@utah.gov).

# Research and data

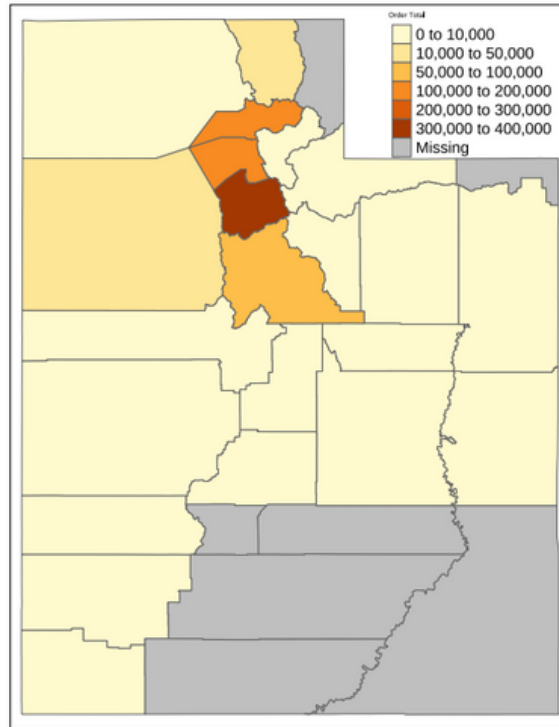
## DHHS data reporting

In May:

- The number of active medical cannabis cardholders increased by 2% from 70,325 patients in May to 71,850 in June.
- The number of QMPs increased by 11 to 959 total QMPs between May and June.
- Salt Lake County had the most deliveries in the month of June, followed by Davis and Weber Counties.

Deliveries by county

Deliveries per county for month



## CUB data

CUB 2nd quarter data	
number of patients with first EVS event of 'Awaiting Cub Review'	60
number of REDCap petitions received from QMPs	27
number of Board approvals	13
number of Board denials	3
number of Need More Information requests sent to QMPs	20
*this includes EVS event and REDCap petition data received in previous quarters	

## UDAF data reporting

As of May 2023, there are:

- 8 medical cannabis cultivators who are allowed to cultivate medical cannabis.
- 1 tier-2 processor who is allowed to package and label medical cannabis products.
- 14 tier-1 processors who are allowed to process, formulate, package, and label medical cannabis products.
- 1 testing lab licensee who tests medical cannabis products before they're sold.

Review our data reports at <https://medicalcannabis.utah.gov/resources/reporting/>.

# Resources

## 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 at a reasonable price. The Medical Cannabis Visit Cost website (<https://healthcost.utah.gov/cannabis.php>) 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. Always contact the clinic or your insurance provider to confirm what your 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 complaint at <https://forms.gle/TiCGp1axn6iKj2md9>.

- You'll need to provide the name of the QMP you met and the name and address of the clinic where you met with them.

## Utah Subsidy Program from Utah Patients Coalition

You may qualify for financial help to pay 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 Subsidy Program at <https://utahpatients.org/upsp/>.**



## External medical cannabis research review requests

The Cannabis Research Review Board (CRRB) and the DHHS Center for Medical Cannabis want to create an inclusive and educated medical cannabis program community by continuing to consider research studies submitted by the industry and the public.

- **We invite you to submit studies for review and consideration.** The industry and public are welcome to submit studies published inside and outside the United States for review by the DHHS and CRRB. The DHHS will evaluate the validity of the scientific findings of each study submitted based on the rigor of the study design, the risk of bias, and relevance.
- **To submit a study for review, fill out this form:** <https://forms.gle/HegxpfZ3TdGPfkcw7>.
- If the study meets the scientific rigor required by state statute, then it will be shared with the CRRB.
- To review the state statute about scientific studies, visit [https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title26B/Chapter1/26B-1-S420.html?v=C26B-1-S420\\_2023050320230503](https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title26B/Chapter1/26B-1-S420.html?v=C26B-1-S420_2023050320230503)

## UDAF medical cannabis production information

Are you interested in learning more about medical cannabis production? You can find information about production facilities, production numbers, administrative rules, application resources, and more at <https://medicalcannabis.utah.gov/production/>.