



June 2023 monthly update

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<https://forms.gle/dig5ejZ37qygx9oY9>

Program updates

Mobile-friendly medical cannabis patient tracker

We want to help you have the resources to work with your medical provider and find the types and doses of medical cannabis that work best for you.

- We created a new mobile-friendly medical cannabis patient tracker that you can download, fill in, and save on your phone, computer, or other electronic device. This document is private and no information of yours will be shared once it is downloaded and saved by you.
- Use this to track the types and doses of medical cannabis that you try and any side effects you have.
- **Check out the new patient tracker at <https://medicalcannabis.utah.gov/patients/> under the "Patient resources" tab.**

New medical cannabis product label handout

We want to help you feel confident about knowing how to read and understand the labels for the medical cannabis products you buy.

- We created a new handout that shows how to read and understand the 2 types of labels that you'll see on a medical cannabis product: The patient label and the product facts panel.
- **Check out the new medical cannabis product label handout at <https://medicalcannabis.utah.gov/resources/resource-library/> under the "Education materials" section.**

DHHS announces the members of the Medical Cannabis Policy Advisory Board

We are excited that DHHS executive director announced 9 members appointed to the new Medical Cannabis Policy Advisory Board.

- **Read about the new members at <https://medicalcannabis.utah.gov/2023/06/09/department-of-health-and-human-services-announces-appointments-to-the-medical-cannabis-policy-advisory-board/>**
- Board meetings will start this summer. They will be public, so anyone can watch the meetings and provide comments to the board.
- Keep an eye on this newsletter and the [Utah Public Meeting Notice](#) website to learn when the meetings are scheduled and how to watch.

Medical cannabis patient study from the University of Utah

Attention medical cannabis patients! The University of Utah is conducting a research study about the experiences of medical cannabis patients in Utah. The study is titled SUBLIME.

If you meet these criteria, you could qualify to participate in the study:

- You're 18 years old or older.
- You currently live in Utah and you're planning on staying in Utah for the next year.
- You have a current medical cannabis card for **chronic pain, PTSD, or cancer**.
- You've had your medical cannabis card for between 1 and 6 months.

If you meet these qualifications and you're interested in applying for the study, go to

<https://redcap.link/22plw34s>

If you want more information about the study, please email the University of Utah at

sublime@utah.edu

Have a medical cannabis card?

We want to hear from you

Give feedback about DHHS Center for Medical Cannabis

Complete surveys

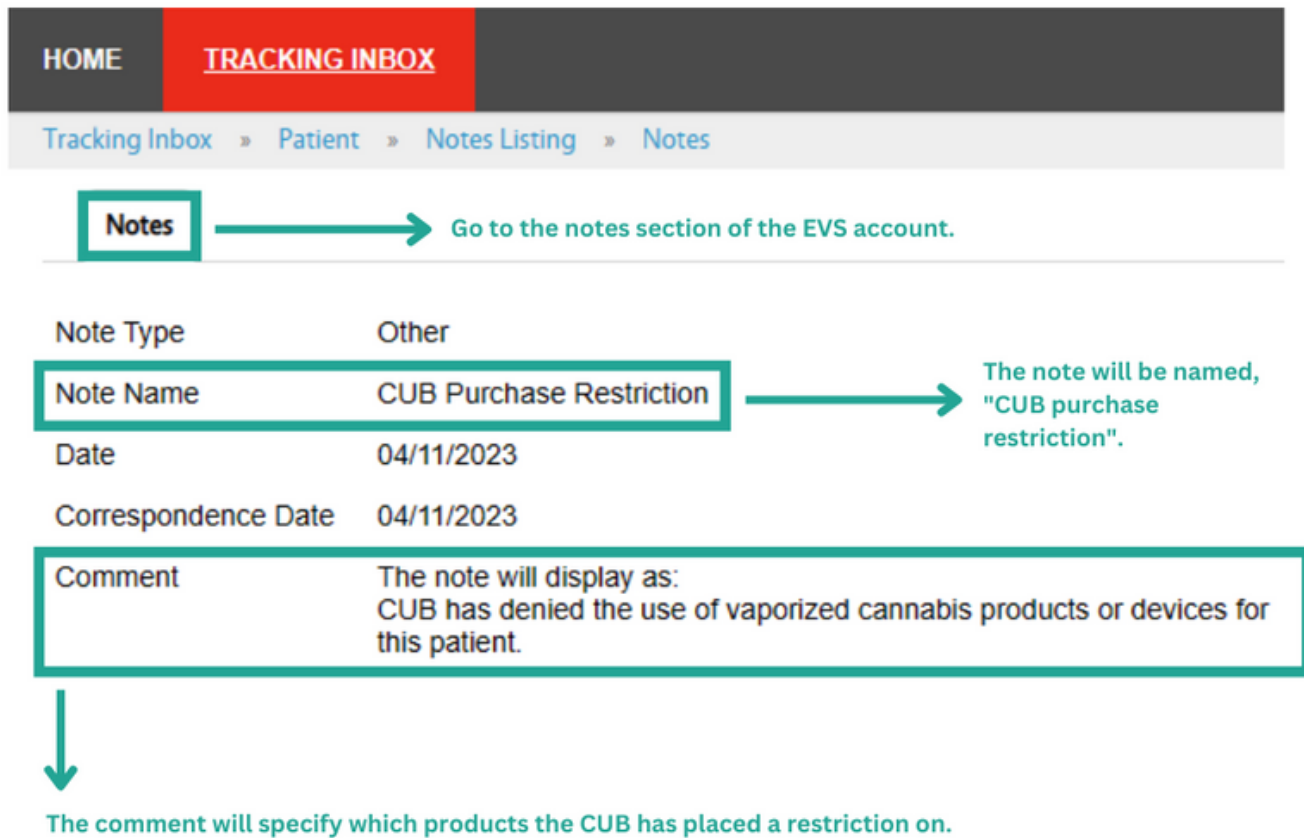
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Compassionate Use Board (CUB) restrictions in the EVS

During the 2023 Legislative Session, SB137 passed. This bill allows the CUB to place restrictions on the types of medical cannabis devices and products that patients with CUB petitions can buy. If you're a CUB patient, you and your QMP will receive a formal letter via secure email from cubcmc@utah.gov that shares these restrictions. You and your QMP will also be able to see them in your EVS account under the "Notes" section.

Contact cubcmc@utah.gov if you have any questions about notes from the CUB in your EVS account.



HOME **TRACKING INBOX**

Tracking Inbox > Patient > Notes Listing > Notes

Notes → Go to the notes section of the EVS account.

Note Type	Other
Note Name	CUB Purchase Restriction
Date	04/11/2023
Correspondence Date	04/11/2023
Comment	The note will display as: CUB has denied the use of vaporized cannabis products or devices for this patient.

→ The note will be named, "CUB purchase restriction".

↓ The comment will specify which products the CUB has placed a restriction on.

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 instead of DHHS starting in July.

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/pmnl/index.html>.**

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

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 :
 - June 12, 2023, at 4:00 pm MT
 - 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/pmnl/index.html>.**

Medical cannabis education

40 mg THC Gummy
Cherry flavored 1:1:1 (THC:CBG:CBD)

Total THC per package: 423 mg

Batch: AB00000-CD /
Tested: 01/31/2023 /
Packaged: 01/18/2023 /

Cannabinoids (mg/g): Δ9-THC: 4.7 mg,
CBG: 4.6 mg, CBD: 4.6 mg, CBC: 0.25 mg
CBN: 0.07 mg, THC-V: 0.08 mg,
CBD-V: 0.07 mg /

Exp date: 01/31/2024 /

Total THC: 10.6 mg/g

Ingredients: Corn syrup, sugar, gelatin, cherry
puree, apple juice concentrate, pectin, citric
acid, natural flavors, terpenes, cannabis extract

Allergens: Wheat, soy

Net wt: 90 g / 10 ct

Extracted by: ethanol / Solvents: ethanol /

The product name and how much THC is in each piece. Talk to the pharmacist about how much THC each piece has so they can tell you how much to use each day or if you need to cut up a gummy or pill. Some products may include the ratio of THC to other cannabinoids, like CBD or CBG.

The total amount of THC per package. This can be used to figure out how close you are to your monthly limit of cannabis.

The batch number, when it was tested, and when it was packaged. These will be used if there is a product recall.

The types and amounts of cannabinoids in the product. Most labels will print these in milligrams (mg) per gram (g) for the whole package. To figure out the mg per piece, multiply the mg of the cannabinoid by the total weight of the package in g. Then divide by the number of pieces in the package. For THC on this package, it would look like $4.7 \times 90 = 423 / 10 = 42.3$ mg THC per piece.

The expiration date. Medical cannabis concentrate products don't have a legal termination date.

The total mg of THC for each g of product.

The ingredients and allergens.

The total weight of the package and how many pieces are in the package.

Which chemicals were used to extract the THC and make the product.

Have you ever looked at a medical cannabis product fact panel, and thought "What does this mean?" We can help!

The fact panel is found on the medical cannabis product package and it tells us information like the amount of THC and cannabinoids in the product, where the product was grown or processed, the batch number, and ingredients, along with other things. Utah state law and the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) administrative rules state what information needs to be included on the fact panels.

Some of the information found on the fact panel, like the amount of THC, cannabinoids, and terpenes for each dose, will help you find which products will work best for you. Other information is used when UDAF tests the product to check for contamination and to make sure that the fact panel matches what is actually in the product. Other parts, like the batch number and the processor, will be used if there's a product recall and you need to return the product to the medical cannabis pharmacy.

Want to learn more about reading medical cannabis product labels or have more questions?

Check out the label guide handout at

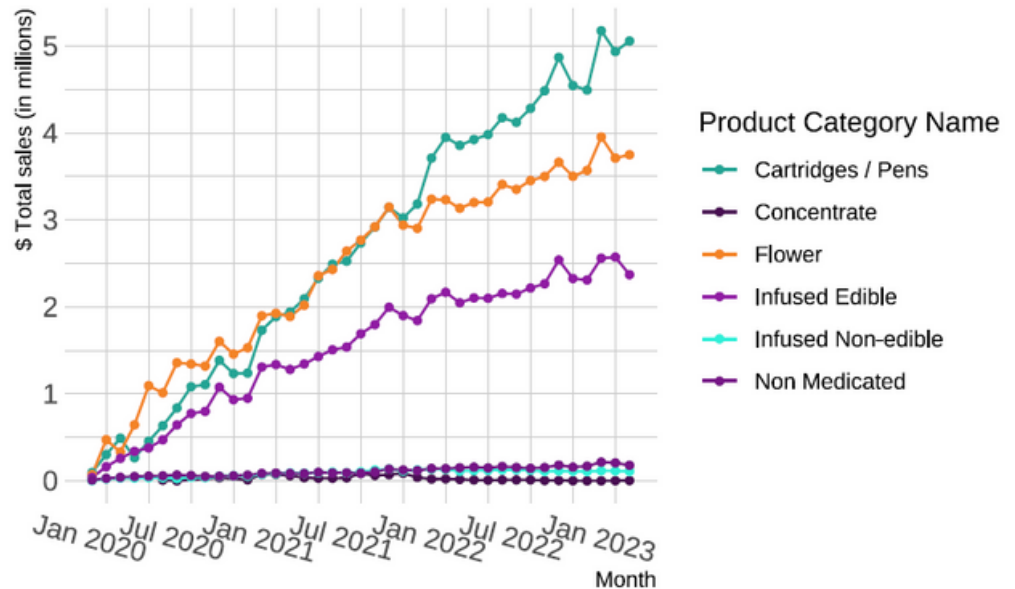
<https://medicalcannabis.utah.gov/resources/resource-library/>

Research and data

DHHS data reporting

In May:

- The number of active medical cannabis cardholders increased by 1.9% from 68,994 patients in April to 70,325 patients in May.
- The number of QMPs increased by 3 new QMPs between April and May.
- Vape cartridges and pens continue to be the most-purchased medical cannabis product, followed by flower and edibles, like gummies or capsules.



Totals for this month

Product Category Name	Total Sales	Product Subtypes
Cartridges / Pens	\$5,056,930	Vape Cartridges, Vape Pens
Concentrate	\$2,852.99	Tinctures
Flower	\$3,748,961	Buds, Finished Flower, Pre-Pack
Infused Edible	\$2,370,258	Gummies, Lozenges, Oils, Sprays, Liquid Suspensions, Capsules, Pills
Infused Non-edible	\$109,037.5	Balms, Gels, Lotion, Patches, Salves, Topical
Non Medicated	\$178,219.6	Pens, Vaporizers, Devices, Grinders, Batteries, Cases

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

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/>.