Medical cannabis limited medical provider guide



Who can recommend medical cannabis?

Utah Code 26B-4 allows any Utah MD, DO, APRN, PA, or podiatrist practicing in Utah with a valid controlled substance license to recommend medical cannabis to their patients.

Limited Medical Providers (LMP) are not required to complete additional medical cannabis certificate training. They may recommend medical cannabis up to 15 patients. LMPs can petition the Compassionate Use Board (CUB) if their patient is younger than 21 years or is an adult who does not have a qualifying condition for medical cannabis.

Qualified Medical Providers (QMP) must complete 4 hours of CME and be registered with the DHHS. QMPs may recommend medical cannabis to patients of any age and up to 1,162 patients. QMPs can recommend medical cannabis to the number of patients that is equal to 1.5% of the total number of registered medical cannabis patient cardholders.

To learn more about LMPs and QMPs, visit medicalcannabis.utah.gov/providers.

Possession limit

Patients may not possess more than an amount sufficient to provide 30 days of treatment based on dosing guidelines recommended by their medical provider and may not exceed:

- More than 113 grams of unprocessed cannabis (flower); and
- More than 20 grams of total composite THC in all other medicinal dosage forms.



A variety of medical cannabis products on a desk with a stethoscope.

Where can I learn more?

The Center for Medical Cannabis is a service of the Utah Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Website: medicalcannabis.utah.gov

Phone: 801-538-6504

For questions about the Utah Medical Cannabis Program, email: <u>medicalcannabis@utah.gov</u>



A doctor holds a bottle of medical cannabis

Process to recommend medical cannabis

Recommending medical cannabis is a team effort between the patient, provider, and pharmacist.

1. Patient meets face-to-face with a medical provider. Providers must complete an in-person visit. Patients must be 21 years or older with a qualifying condition to receive a recommendation. A list of qualifying conditions can be found at medicalcannabis.utah.gov/ providers. Once a qualifying condition is confirmed, a

recommendation is appropriate. LMPs must use the Limited Medical Provider Recommendation for Medical Cannabis form. The form can be downloaded at

medicalcannabis.utah.gov/providers. The form can be submitted to a licensed medical cannabis pharmacy through an encrypted email, secure fax, or delivered by the patient.

Note: LMPs cannot treat patients younger than 21 or patients without a qualifying condition. These patients must seek a Qualified Medial Provider (OMP). A list of OMPs can be found at medicalcannabis.utah.gov/providers.

2. Patient applies with DHHS.

Patients must apply for a medical cannabis card with the DHHS, at medicalcannabis.utah.gov/patients.

3. Medical cannabis pharmacy completes the patient's application.

The medical cannabis pharmacists will complete the application with the patient. A list of DHHS licensed medical cannabis pharmacies can be found at medicalcannabis.utah.gov/pharmacies.

4. Patient pays application fee online.

The application fee is \$15. Most cards are issued with a 6 month renewal.

5. DHHS issues the medical cannabis card.

DHHS will review applications. Once all requirements have been met, DHHS will notify the patient and issue the card. At this time the patient can purchase medical cannabis.

Medical provider resources

Visit medicalcannabis.utah.gov/resources to view the library of resources:



Guidance on the suggested use of medical cannabis



Compassionate Use Board information



DHHS reference documents and research



Cannabis Research Review Board



Utah medical cannabis law



Frequently Asked Questions



A doctor and patient discuss the patient's needs at an appointment.