



How to Certify a Patient for a Medical Marijuana Registration Certificate



Patient Qualifications for a Registration Certificate:

- Qualifying patient must be a Connecticut resident.
- Qualifying patient must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- Qualifying patient cannot be an inmate confined in a correctional institution or facility under the supervision of the Connecticut Department of Corrections.

Caregiver Qualifications for a Registration Certificate:

- Patient's physician has certified the need for a caregiver;
- Caregiver agrees to be responsible for managing the well-being of a registered patient with respect to their palliative use of marijuana.
- Caregiver must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older;
- Not the patient's physician;
- Not convicted of a law pertaining to the illegal manufacture, sale or distribution of a controlled substance;
- Where the adult patient lacks legal capacity, must be a parent, guardian or legal custodian; and
- Can only be responsible for one patient unless there is a parental, guardianship, conservatorship or sibling relationship with each patient.



What Is the Medical Professional's Role?

Physicians can only certify patients for marijuana where there is a bona-fide physician-patient relationship, and after:

- Completing an in-person medically reasonable assessment of the patient's medical history and current medical condition;
- Diagnosing the patient as having a debilitating medical condition as defined in the law;
- Prescribing, or determining it is not in the patient's best interest to prescribe, prescription drugs to address the symptoms or effects for which the certification is being issued.
- Concluding that, in the physician's professional opinion, the potential benefits of the palliative use of marijuana would likely outweigh the health risks to the patient; and
- Explaining the potential risks and benefits of the palliative use of marijuana to the patient or, where the patient lacks legal capacity, to the parent, guardian or other person having legal custody of the patient.

How Much Marijuana Can Patients Possess?

Currently, the maximum allowable monthly amount is 2.5 ounces unless your physician indicates a lesser amount is appropriate. Any changes to the allowable amount will be based on advice from the Board of Physicians.





On May 31, 2012, Public Act 12-55, An Act Concerning the Palliative Use of Marijuana, became law. This Act permits the medical use of marijuana statewide, making Connecticut the 17th state to enact such a law.



Physician Requirements for Issuing Written Certifications

The Department will only accept written certifications from physicians for the palliative use of marijuana when the physician:

- Possesses an active Connecticut medical license issued by the Connecticut Department of Public Health.
- Practices within the State of Connecticut.
- Possesses an active controlled substances registration issued by the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection that is not subject to limitation.
- Possesses an active Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) controlled substance registration that is not subject to limitation.
- Is registered with, and able to access, the Connecticut Prescription Monitoring Program.
 - If you are not registered, please go to www.ctpmp.com.

Connecticut Registration Certificate - Application Process

Physicians may certify qualified patients for the palliative use of marijuana through an online registration system that the Department of Consumer Protection has developed.

A physician will have to register for a Biznet account at:

<https://www.biznet.ct.gov/dcp-mmrp>

After registering, the system will provide three (3) options in the center of the page:

- Option 1: "I am a Physician"
- Option 2: "I am a Patient"
- Option 3: "I am a Caregiver"

A physician will select the "I am a Physician" option and the system will prompt the physician to provide identifying information to begin the qualifying patient registration process.

During the registration process, physicians will be able to either include a patient's e-mail address or create a temporary e-mail address and password for their patient.

This will allow a patient to complete their portion of the registration process and submit all the required documents and payment fees.



Connecticut's medical marijuana registration certificates are available only to Connecticut residents being treated for a specific debilitating medical condition.

Debilitating Medical Conditions:

- Cancer
- Glaucoma
- Positive Status for Human Immunodeficiency Virus or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
- Parkinson's Disease
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Damage to the Nervous Tissue of the Spinal Cord with Objective Neurological Indication of Intractable Spasticity
- Epilepsy
- Cachexia
- Wasting Syndrome
- Crohn's Disease
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder