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Connecticut's new medical marijuana laws make the program:
• Easier to access
• More flexible
• Better aligned with patient needs

Here's what patients and caregivers need to know.

For Patients
More Flexibility in How Long Your Certification Lasts

Starting on January 1, 2026, your health care provider can issue your medical marijuana certification for:
• 6 months,
• 1 year,
• 18 months, or
• 2 years.

This gives you and your provider more control over your treatment plan.

Please Note: In accordance with the law, any certifications issued for a period other than one year prior to January 1, 2026, will not be processed by the Department until January 2, 2026. Certifications for a period other than one year will become effective on January 2, 2026. Certifications for one year will continue to be processed normally.

Extra 90 Days if Your Certification Expires

Starting on January 1, 2026, if your certification expires before you can renew it, a licensed pharmacist can give you a **temporary 90-day extension** so you can still access your medication.

The pharmacist may charge you a fee of **up to $25** for this service.

New Patients Can Start With a 90-Day Temporary Certification

Starting on January 1, 2026, if you are new to the program, a licensed pharmacist can issue you a **temporary 90-day certification**. The dispensary pharmacist must first review your medical history and meet with you in person before issuing you a temporary certification.

This lets you try medical marijuana for treatment **without committing to a long-term certification right away**.

Please Note: In accordance with the law, any certification extensions or temporary certifications issued by a licensed pharmacist prior to January 1, 2026, will not be processed by the Department until January 2, 2026. Extensions and temporary certifications will become effective January 2, 2026.

The pharmacist may charge you a fee of up to $25 for this service.

If you have any questions, please contact the Medical Marijuana Program at (860) 713-6066 or e-mail us at dcp.mmp@ct.gov .