

ALL ABOUT THE MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAM (MMCP)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Mississippi Medical Cannabis Program (MMCP) is designed to provide safe, regulated access to medical cannabis while prioritizing patient needs, public health, and community safety across Mississippi.

Mississippi Medical CANNABIS Program

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Patient Eligibility

Steps to Becoming a Certified Patient

1. Schedule a visit with a participating physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or optometrist who is registered with the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Program.
2. Your healthcare provider will evaluate whether you have a qualifying medical condition. If approved, they will submit your medical cannabis certification directly to the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Program.
3. Within six months of receiving your certification, complete the patient application through the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Program online portal. Once approved, you will receive an electronic patient identification card that can be used at licensed medical cannabis dispensaries.

FINDING LICENSED PROVIDERS & DISPENSARIES

To find official, Mississippi-licensed medical cannabis dispensaries, visit the MMCP website's Business Search tool for the most up-to-date listings at mmcp.ms.gov/search_business.

OUT-OF-STATE (VISITOR) APPLICATIONS

Out-of-state visitors may apply for a temporary Mississippi medical cannabis card if they meet the medical eligibility requirements and hold an active medical cannabis card from their home state. Applications may be submitted up to 30 days before arriving in Mississippi, and approved visitor cards are valid for a maximum of two (2) fifteen (15) day periods in a 365-day year from the date of issuance of the card. To get started, visit mmcp.ms.gov, click "Apply for License / Registration," then click "Register."

Medical cannabis laws vary by state, and requirements for out-of-state applicants may differ. Applicants are encouraged to carefully review the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Program guidelines to confirm eligibility before applying.

CAREGIVER ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION

A caregiver is someone who can legally go to a dispensary on behalf of a patient and purchase for a patient. To apply as a caregiver, you must first be designated by an approved Mississippi Medical Cannabis Program patient. Submit caregiver applications through the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Program Licensing Portal. Applicants must upload a completed Designation of Caregiver Form, which must be signed by the adult patient or the parent/legal guardian of a minor patient and also notarized.

The caregiver is also required to pass a background check conducted by the Miss Dept of Health Fingerprint Unit. Instructions can be found on the website under Patients & Caregivers > Guides and Forms > Caregiver Background Check Guidance.

For more information, visit mmcp.ms.gov/patients-caregivers.

QUALIFYING MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Patients may qualify for the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Program if they have been diagnosed with one of the following conditions or are undergoing treatment for it:

- Cancer
- Parkinson's disease
- Huntington's disease
- Muscular dystrophy
- Glaucoma
- Spastic quadriplegia
- HIV or AIDS
- Hepatitis
- Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)
- Crohn's disease
- Ulcerative colitis
- Sickle-cell anemia
- Alzheimer's disease
- Agitation related to dementia
- Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- Autism
- Chronic pain unresponsive to appropriate opioid treatment
- Diabetic or peripheral neuropathy
- Spinal cord disease or severe spinal injury

Additionally, patients may qualify if they have a chronic, terminal, or debilitating condition or are receiving treatment for one that causes any of the following symptoms:

- ✓ Cachexia or wasting syndrome
- ✓ Chronic pain
- ✓ Severe or persistent nausea
- ✓ Seizures
- ✓ Severe and ongoing muscle spasms, including those associated with multiple sclerosis

If your condition is not listed, you may submit a request through the MMCP website to petition for the inclusion of additional qualifying conditions.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applying Online

Mississippi residents can apply for a medical cannabis card by visiting the official Mississippi Medical Cannabis Program website at mmcp.ms.gov, completing the application under "Apply for License / Registration," and clicking "Register" or by using our mobile app from your app store of choice.

1. **Create a Portal Account**

Begin by registering through the Medical Cannabis Portal using a valid email address. You will be asked to create a username and password.

2. **Select an Application Type**

Choose the type of application you plan to submit. If you later need to apply for an additional license type, you may add another account.

3. **Confirm Your Registration**

Check your email for a confirmation message and follow the instructions to verify your account.

4. **Complete Your Application**

Log in to the Portal to begin your application. Individual applicants are required to upload a photo as part of the process.

Application Review & Approval Timeline

Completed applications with all required documentation are typically reviewed within 10 days. Applications are reviewed in the order they are received. Approved patient identification cards are available online as soon as approved.

MMCP Mobile App

Stay connected and informed with the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Program mobile app, your all-in-one resource for managing your medical cannabis experience. The app allows you to access the patient portal, view recall notices, locate licensed dispensaries and find other important information related to your medical cannabis license.

