



MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAMS

Summary Matrix

This table provides a brief overview of jurisdictions with statutory and regulatory provisions legalizing medical marijuana use as of January 31, 2019. The table compiles key information concerning legal provisions for medical marijuana in 33 states and the District of Columbia that have passed or enacted Comprehensive Medical Marijuana Programs. Thirteen states have adopted Limited Access Marijuana Product Laws permitting only low (or zero) Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and high Cannabidiol (CBD) products to treat several, often specified conditions, usually uncontrolled epilepsy disorders. States with only Limited Access Marijuana Product Laws are listed on a separate table.

The 34 jurisdictions with Comprehensive Medical Marijuana Programs share several features. All programs employ a patient registration or authorization database listing qualifying patients. All jurisdictions offer access to medical marijuana, either through personal cultivation, licensed dispensaries, or both. Statutory or regulatory provisions provide protection from criminal penalties for medical use of psychoactive marijuana. However, all programs do specify a limit on how much medical marijuana can be possessed at a given time.

Column I. Organization and Program Name specifies the entity responsible for administration of the specific state's medical marijuana program and provides links to relevant programs where available. **II. Legal Authority** lists legal provisions authorizing the use of marijuana for medical purposes in the jurisdiction and the year the program was first enacted. **III. Allow Cultivation** outlines the 18 jurisdictions where patients or their caregivers can legally grow marijuana plants for medical use. **IV. Allow Dispensaries** indicates whether the legal authority provides for the operation of dispensaries to distribute medical marijuana; 32 jurisdictions allow dispensaries at this time. **V. Possession Limit** specifies the amount of marijuana a patient can possess with protection from criminal penalties. Almost all jurisdictions specify a possession limit. **VI. Recognize Patients from Other States** indicates if the state will recognize patient medical marijuana privileges issued by another state; only 10 states currently do so. **VII. Recreational Use Allowed** indicates whether the state allows for marijuana use for reasons other than medical necessity and provides links to the relevant legal authority; only 11 jurisdictions have provisions allowing recreational use at this time.

St.	I. Organization & Program Name	II. Legal Authority	III. Allow Cultivation	IV. Allow Dispensaries	V. Possession Limit	VI. Recognize Patients From Other States	VII. Recreational Use Allowed
AK	Dep't of Health & Social Servs., Bureau of Vital Statistics; Marijuana Registry, Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office	ALASKA STAT. §§ 17.37.010–.080 (1998); ALASKA ADMIN. CODE tit. 3 § 306.005	Yes	No, but there are recreational retail stores	1 oz., 3 mature plants or 6 immature plants	Yes, for AK approved conditions, but not for dispensary purchases	Yes ALASKA STAT. §§ 17.38.010–.900 (2014)
AR	Dep't of Health	ARK. CONST. amend. XCVIII. (2016)	No	Yes	3 oz. usable per 14-day period	Yes, but only if patient is in actual possession of a registry ID card and has a written certification by a physician	No
AZ	Dep't of Health Servs., Med. Marijuana Program	ARIZ. REV. STAT. §§ 36-2801 – 2819 (2010)	Yes, only if patient lives over 25 miles from nearest dispensary	Yes	2.5 oz., 12 plants	Yes, but patients may not obtain marijuana from AZ dispensaries	No
CA	Dept. of Pub. Health, Med. Marijuana Program; Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation	CAL. HEALTH & SAF. CODE §§ 11362.5, 11362.7–.83 (1996)	Yes	Yes, licensed through local or county ordinances (subject to State Attorney Gen'l Off. Guidelines)	8 oz usable; 6 mature or 12 immature plants	No	Yes CAL. HEALTH & SAF. CODE § 11018 (2016)
CO	Dep't of Pub. Health & Environment, Med. Marijuana Registry	COLO. REV. STAT. §§ 12-43.3, 18-18-406.3, 25-1.5-106 (2000)	Yes	Yes	2 oz., 6 plants	No	Yes COLO. CONST. art. XVIII, § 16 (2012)
CT	Dep't of Consumer Protection, Med. Marijuana Program	CONN. GEN. STAT. §§ 21a-408–408q (2012)	No	Yes	2.5 oz.	No	No
D.C.	Dep't of Health, Med. Marijuana Program	D.C. CODE §§ 7-1671.01–.13 (1998); D.C. MUN. REGS. tit. 22-C, §§ 100– 9900 (2010)	No	Yes	2 oz. dried per month	No	Yes D.C. CODE § 48-904.01 (2014)

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DE	Dep't of Health & Soc. Servs., Div. of Pub. Health, Med. Marijuana Program	DEL. CODE tit. 16, §§ 4901A–4926A (2011)	No	Yes, limited distribution by licensed non-profits	6 oz.	Yes, for approved conditions	No
FL	Dep't of Health, Office of Medical Marijuana Use	FLA. STAT. § 381.986 (2016) ¹	No	Yes	TBD	No	No
HI	Dep't of Health, Med. Marijuana Program	HAW. REV. STAT. §§ 329.121 – 329.128 (2000); HAW. REV. STAT. §§ 329D-1 – 329D-27 (2015)	Yes	Yes	4 oz., 7 plants	No	No
IL	Dep't of Pub. Health, Div. of Med. Cannabis	ILL. ADMIN. CODE tit. 77, § 946 (2013)	No	Yes	2.5 oz. in 14-day period	No	No
LA	Dep't of Health	S.B. 271, 2016 Leg., Reg. Sess. (La. 2017) ²	No	Yes	30-day supply	No	No
MA	Health & Hum. Servs., Div. of Pub. Health, Med. Use of Marijuana	2012 MASS. ACTS 369; 105 MASS. CODE REGS. 725.001–.800 (2013)	Yes, only if patient has a verified hardship in accessing a treatment center	Yes	60-day supply for personal medical use (10 oz.)	No	Yes MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 351, §§ 1 – 18 (2016)
MD	Dep't of Health & Mental Hygiene, Natalie M. LaPrade Md. Med. Cannabis Commission	MD. CODE (2003), HEALTH–GEN. § 10.62	No	Yes	30-day supply	No	No
ME	Dep't of Health & Hum. Servs., Div. of Licensing & Regulatory Servs., Maine Med. Use of Marijuana Program (MMMP)	ME. REV. STAT. ANN. tit. 22, §§ 2421 – 2430-B (1999); 10-144-122 ME. CODE R. §§ 1–11 (2010)	Yes	Yes	2.5 oz., 6 plants	Yes, but not for dispensary purchases	Yes ME. REV. STAT. ANN. tit. 7 §§ 2441 – 2454 (2016)

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MI	Dep't of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs, Michigan Med. Marihuana Program	MICH. COMP. LAWS §§ 333.26421–.26430 (2008); MICH. PUB. ACT 281 (2016)	Yes	Yes	2.5 oz., 12 plants	Yes, for legal protection of possession, but not for dispensary purchases	Yes MICH. COMP. LAWS §§ 333.27951-27967
MN	Dep't of Health, Med. Cannabis	MINN. STAT. §§ 152.21 –.37 (2014)	No	Yes	30-day supply (non-smoke-able)	No	No
MO	Dep't of Health & Senior Servs.	MO. CONST. art. XVI § 1 (2018)	Yes	Yes	4 oz. of dried marijuana or equivalent every 30 days	No	No
MT	Dep't of Health & Hum. Servs., Licensure Bureau, Med. Marijuana Program	MONT. CODE ANN. §§ 50-46-301–345 (2004)	Yes	Yes	1 oz., 4 mature plants & 12 seedlings	No	No
ND	Dep't of Health	N.D. CENT. CODE ANN. §§ 19–24.1–01-40 (2017)	Yes, if qualified patient resides 40 miles or more from an operating dispensary	Yes	3 oz. per 14-day period	No	No
NH	Dep't of Health & Hum. Servs., Therapeutic Use of Cannabis Program	N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. §§ 126-X:1–11 (2013)	No	Yes	2 oz. of usable cannabis in 10-day period	Yes, with a note from patient's home state, but patient may not purchase through dispensaries or grow their own in NH	No
NJ	Dep't of Health, Med. Marijuana Program	N.J. STAT. ANN. §§ 24:6I-1–16 (2010); N.J. ADMIN. CODE § 8:64 (2011)	No	Yes, state issued permits for alternative treatment centers	2 oz. in 30-day period	No	No
NM	Dep't of Health, Med. Cannabis Program	N.M. STAT. ANN. §§ 26-2B-1–7 (2007)	Yes	Yes	6 oz., 12 seedlings, 4 mature plants	No	No

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NV	Dep't of Health & Hum. Servs., Div. of Pub. & Behavioral Health, Med. Marijuana Program	NEV. REV. STAT §§ 453A.010-.170 (2000)	Yes, in counties without dispensary	Yes	2.5 oz., 12 plants	Yes, if the other state's programs are "substantially similar." Patients must fill out NV paperwork	Yes NEV. REV. STAT. § 453D.010 (2016)
NY	Dep't of Health, N.Y. State Med. Marijuana Program	N.Y. PUB HEALTH L. 5A-33 §§ 3360-3369e (2014)	No	Yes	30-day supply (non-smokable)	No	No
OH	Board of Pharmacy, Med. Marijuana Control Program	H.B. 523, 113th Gen. Assem., Reg. Sess. (Ohio 2016) ³	No	Yes	90-day supply, 8 oz. of tier I, 5.3 oz. of tier II, 26.55 grams of THC for lotions/ointments, 9.9 grams of THC in oils for oral administration, 53.1 grams of THC in oils for vaporization	No	No
OK	Dep't of Health, Med. Marijuana Authority	OKLA. STAT. tit. 63, § 420 (2018)	Yes, with license	Yes, with license	3 oz. on person, 6 mature plants, 1 oz. concentrated, 72 oz. edible, 8oz. at residence	Yes, a temporary license may be issued if the patient proves they are a member of another state's regulated medical marijuana program.	No
OR	Dep't of Hum. Servs., Med. Marijuana Dispensary Program	OR. REV. STAT. §§ 333-008-0010-1280 (1998)	Yes	Yes	24 oz., 6 mature plants, 18 immature plants	No	Yes OR. REV. STAT. §§ 845-025-1000-8750 (2014)
PA	Dep't of Health, Med. Marijuana Program	S.B. 3, Gen. Assem., Reg. Sess. (Pa. 2016) ⁴	No	Yes	30-day supply	No	No

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RI	Dep't of Health, Off. of Health Profs. Reg., Med. Marijuana Program	R.I. GEN. LAWS §§ 21-28.6-1-13 (2006)	Yes	Yes	2.5 oz., 12 mature plants, 12 seedling plants	Yes, but only for conditions approved in RI	No
UT	Utah Dep't of Health, Utah Medical Cannabis Program	<i>FORTHCOMING</i>					
VT	Dep't of Pub. Safety, Div. of Crim. Just. Servs., Marijuana Registry	VT. STAT. ANN. tit. 18, §§ 4471-4474I (2004)	Yes, but must be kept in a single secure indoor facility	Yes	2 oz., 7 immature plants, 2 mature plants	No	Yes VT. H.511 (2018) ⁵
WA	Dep't of Health, Med. Marijuana	WASH. REV. CODE §§ 69.51A.005-.903 (1998)	Yes, including cooperatives	Yes	3 oz. usable, 6 plants for personal use ⁶	No	Yes WASH. REV. CODE §§ 69.50.101-.500 (2012)
WV	Dep't of Health & Human Resources, Bureau of Public Health	S.B. 386, Gen. Assem., Reg. Sess. (W. Va. 2017) ⁷	No	Yes	30-day supply	No	No
Total		34 Jurisdictions with Comprehensive Medical Marijuana Programs	18 Jurisdictions allow for personal cultivation by patients or caregivers	32 Jurisdictions allow distribution by dispensary	33 Jurisdictions place a limit on possession protected from criminal penalties	10 Jurisdictions recognize patients from other states	11 Jurisdictions have enacted legislation decriminalizing recreational use of marijuana

The [Office of National Drug Control Policy](#) includes previous and updated federal and state laws related to marijuana use. Further details and information regarding state laws are available through the [National Conference of State Legislatures](#) or via [ProCon.org](#) (including current information regarding pending legislation or recently failed bills).

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⁶ Any adult aged 21 or older can purchase any combination of the following from a licensed retail marijuana store: 1 oz. usable, 16 oz. marijuana-infused product in solid form, 72 oz. marijuana-infused product in liquid form, or 7 g. of concentrate; Qualified patients and designated providers who are entered into the database may legally purchase sales-tax free any combination of the following from a licensed marijuana store with a medical endorsement: 3 oz usable, 48 oz. marijuana-infused product in solid form, 216 oz. marijuana-infused product in liquid form or 21 g. concentrate. A person can possess up to 8 oz. usable produced from their plants. If the patient's healthcare practitioner determines the patient requires more than the presumptive amount, they may authorize: Up to 15 plants for personal medical use, and a person so authorized may possess 16 oz. usable produced from their plants. Qualified patients and designated providers with a valid authorization form who choose not to be entered into the database may: Purchase (a) 1 oz. useable (b) 16 oz. marijuana-infused product in solid form (c) 72 oz. marijuana-infused product in liquid form or (d) 7 g. concentrate AND grow in their home: 4 plants for personal medical use and possess up to 6 oz. usable produced from their plants. (WASH. REV. CODE §§ 69.50.360, -51A.210 (2013)).

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